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Wilmington High School's March Students of the Month

Congratulations to the March Students of the Month, who were nominated for any of the five mindsets: Sophia Ye, Jackson Cipolle, PJ McMahon, Kareena Jenkins, Emma Xavier, Taylor Hirst, Ben O'Brien, Sophia Calumby, John Roofe, Bao Tran, Rebecca Hughes. (Courtesy photo)

Select Board recognizes Greg Bendel

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Select Board set aside time during their meeting on Monday, April 14 to recognize chair Greg Bendel in honor of his last meeting on the board. As his third term on the board comes to an end ahead of election day on April 26, he is not running for re-election.

Kevin Caira said that the town would miss Bendel's leadership and dedication. He recognized Bendel's time and commitment to the town and the benefit from his work and energy which he said would be tenfold. He stated that he understood why Bendel wanted to step away to spend more time with his family at this juncture.

Gary DePalma appreciated Bendel's support and advice, even before he was elected to the board, where Bendel shared about the good and the bad of joining the board. Something he said he'd learned from Bendel was not to take things personally.

Lilia Maselli said that she was grateful for Bendel's guidance and mentoring as she joined the board and quickly became chair. She said it has been an honor to serve alongside Bendel, as he taught her a lot and become a true friend.

"I think it's in your blood to help people," Maselli told him.

She wished Bendel luck for whatever the future holds.

Frank West shared that Bendel always treated him well and he had grown to respect him. He gave the chair a British coin dating back before the Revolutionary War.

Town Manager Eric Slagle described how in the past 10 months he'd seen Bendel's integrity and character.

"It is rare to find a person who can handle the kind of situations that you find yourself in regularly with... aplomb," he said.

He appreciated Bendel's sense of humor and ability to get to the heart of things.

Nicholas Golden commented on behalf of the School Committee that they were glad for his partnership on the board. He added on his own behalf that their time working together was too short.

Mike Newhouse shared how Bendel made an impact on how others felt, and that was more important than what he may have made them think.

Mike Champoux told Bendel that he had been an example of real volunteerism by being selfless and professional in his service to the town. He explained that Bendel demonstrated decorum time and time again. He also recognized that though Bendel's decision was for the right reasons, he was sure he would stay active in town.

Jonathan Eaton said that

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Ballot released for Wilmington election

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On April 26, the residents of Wilmington will participate in the 2025 annual town election, with polls being open on that day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. On the ballot sits open seats for the Wilmington Housing Authority, Select Board, School Committee, and Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Committee.

On the Select Board sits two open seats with three candidates on the ballot. Re-election candidate Kevin Anthony Caira runs alongside newcomers Steven D. Hunt and Jacob M. Gearwar. Those elected will serve for three years.

Three seats are available on the Wilmington School Committee. Running for those seats are re-election candidates Stephen Gregory Turner and Jesse Lee Fennelly and newcomer candidates Mallory Mahoney and Rebecca L. Lord. Those elected will serve for three years.

Gwendilyn Hupper-Lawson is running unopposed for re-election to the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School Committee. Her term will serve for three years.

Running for the Wilmington Housing Authority is Ann Marie Hill and Thomas H. Siracusa. Both are running for their seats unopposed, with Hill running for a seat with a five-year term and Siracusa running for a three-year term.

Per the usual process for election day voting, residents will report to their voting location per precinct. Precincts one, two and three will vote at the Wilmington Senior Center at 130 Main St., while precincts four, five and six will vote at Town Hall at 121 Glen Road.

Those looking to register to vote in time for this year's election had until April 16, 2025 to do so, and the Town Clerk's Office was open until 5 p.m. that day to accommodate last minute registrations.

Additionally, the Office of the Town Clerk will be hosting early in-person voting for the first time during office hours. As of April 1, those office hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Fridays.

This option will be available up through April 23. The clerk's office recently adjusted their office hours to include what they call "late night Tuesdays" to answer election questions and receive ballots.

Mail-in voting applications are needed on a yearly basis for those looking to utilize this option. The last day to register for a mailed ballot is April 18. Absentee ballots, instructions, as well as applications for mail-in voting are available on the Wilmington website.

Select Board approves earth removal, spaces request

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Select Board met on Monday, April 14 to consider requests for the removal of earth at 226 Lowell St. and various other spaces requests in addition to communications and announcements.

Gene Sullivan spoke for the request to remove earth on Lowell Street that he prepared filings on behalf of Lucci Realty Trust in collaboration with the town. This property holds a two-story office building and historically has stored buses.

Sullivan shared that they have proposed changes to the parking lot to allow stormwater management improvements and more landscaping along the street. The project would reduce the amount of pavement by creating stormwater swales, and in the creation of the swales they would generate 13,000 cubic yards of material to be brought offsite.

He described the potential material as loamy and organic.

Town Manager Eric Slagle stated that the town engineer, Planning Board, and health department all recommended approval. He also said that Town Engineer Paul Alunni set 14 conditions, and Sullivan mentioned that he found these conditions acceptable.

Frank West asked where the removed earth would be sent. Sullivan answered that the site contractor would take it to his yard in Andover to be used or sold. The board then voted to approve the request.

Chair Greg Bendel shared the first item of communications that night which was the town manager's evaluation. Bendel thanked each of the other board members for taking the time to fill out the evaluation forms in a timely manner.

In summary, he said that the board members shared positive feedback and encouraging words indicating that Slagle had been doing a good job. Bendel highlighted Slagle's time spent building good relationships with stakeholders and setting a vision for the town moving forward.

He also mentioned his demeanor, preparation for meetings and stabilizing and improving mor-

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Wilmington Library News:

Library welcomes Hungrytown in the last Coffee Series set

▲ Join us for the final Coffeehouse Concert of the season on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m! Hungrytown, the duo of Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, blends Celtic and Americana, ballads, and psychedelia, light and dark — all in a single song. (Courtesy photo)

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, April 22, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23, 2 p.m.
Thursday, April 24, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 26, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Field Trip: Strongwater Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center
Wednesday, April 23, 6 p.m.
Join us for a tour of the facility and learn more about their work (and meet some horses).

Coffeehouse Concert Series: Hungrytown
Thursday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for our last Coffeehouse Concert in the series. Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, have crafted Hungrytown into a true artistic hybrid, able to hold Celtic and Americana, ballads and psychedelia, sunshine and darkness, joy and despair — not only within the same album, but within the same song.

Arbor Day Tree Seedling Giveaway
Friday, April 25, All Day
We will be giving away one hundred White Spruce tree seedlings. One per family while supplies last.

Needleworkers
Friday, April 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Youth Programs

Superhero Party
Tuesday, April 22, 11 a.m.
Superhero Day falls in April and we want to celebrate with you! Join us as we make crafts, use temporary tattoos, try snacks, and more. Superhero clothing welcome! Recommended for ages 3-8.

Loteria (Bingo) with Spanish Fun Program
Tuesday, April 22, 4 p.m.
Playing, laughing and having fun is the best way to learn! Come play lotería (bingo) with your family, friends, and community!

DnD 101 for Teens
Tuesday, April 22, 6 p.m.
New players who wish to join our regular library campaign (or who just want to learn about the world's most popular role-playing game) should attend our new 101 sessions, held monthly. Grades 6-12.

Music and Movement with Thom Mystic Early Intervention
Wednesday, April 23, 10 a.m.
Join Thom Mystic Early Intervention for this fun music and movement playgroup! Ages 15 months-5 years old.

Family Craft Night: Magazine Collage
Wednesday, April 23, 6 p.m.
We're back with another Earth-friendly craft to celebrate Earth Day! Use discarded magazines and library zines to create a magazine collage! Feeling extra inspired because April is National Poetry Month? Create a poem right on top of your collage! Ages 3+

Storytelling and Songs with Valerie Stephens
Thursday, April 24, 11 a.m.
Join singer, storyteller, and performing artist Valerie Stephens as she tells the story of Stone Soup. Recommended for ages 6-11, but all are welcome.

Bake It Till You Make It: Oreo Truffles
Thursday, April 24, 3 p.m.
Learn to make no bake Oreo truffles! Join us for an in-person cooking demonstration and mental health program where mental health advocate Dayna Altman shares her story of struggle and healing. Leave with a tray of truffles and some tools for your mental health. Grades 6-12.

Read to Stormy
Thursday, April 24, 4 - 5:30 p.m. (15-minute sessions)
Come practice your reading skills with Therapy Dog, Stormy! Sign-up for one 15-minute session per child or family. Grades K-6

Earth Day Upcycle
Friday, April 25, 10 a.m.
During this craft extravaganza, visit different stations around the room to complete a different craft! We'll have papermaking, crayon upcycling, and CD scratch art! Ages 3+

Teen Dnd
Saturday, April 26, 2 - 4 p.m.
Looking for a group to play with? Join us for in person Dungeons and Dragons at the library. You may also participate on Discord, a private server. We use DnDBeyond to track and create our characters. Grades 6-12

Additional Information

Registration is Open: Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m. (The Fez Room at the Shriner's Auditorium)
Wilmington Memorial Library is hosting best-selling novelist Chris Bohjalian whose newest book The Jackal's Mistress comes out in March! This first event in our new off-site author series will feature a presentation by Mr. Bohjalian, book sales/signing, a cash bar, and light refreshments. Registration is now open: *https://bit.ly/wmlbehindthebook*

Annual Poetry Contest: Submission's Open Now!
Celebrate National Poetry Month by submitting to our Annual Poetry Contest: Verse vs. Verse! This year's theme revolves around play, gaming, and connection — just like our Summer Reading Program! For more information, visit *wilmlibrary.org/poetry2025*. Plus, join us for a Poetry Night on May 7 at 6 p.m. to celebrate the winners and enjoy refreshments. The deadline to submit a poem is Wednesday, April 30.

Don't Miss Out on the 2025 Town Wide Yard Sale!
Don't be left out! In the past, over 60 Wilmington households have participated each year and hundreds of shoppers found bargains at the annual Town Wide Yard Sale. This year's sale is Saturday, June 14 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Applications are open May 1-21, and the seller fee is $20. Applications will be available online and at the library starting May 1.

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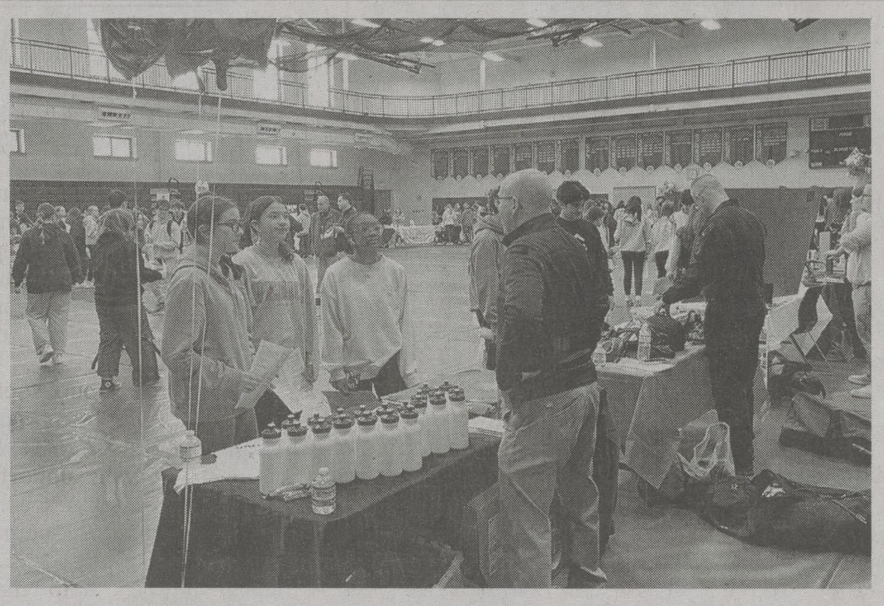
Prepare your child for success in kindergarten and beyond by reading! We invite newborns to preschoolers to join us in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Log the books you've read together and automatically earn badges and prizes for every 100 books. Find more information at *https://wilmlibrary.org/youth-services/kids/babies-preschool/1000-books-before-kindergarten/*

Book Store Next Door
Regular hours are back at The Book Store Next Door! The bookstore is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting *www.wilmlibrary.org/services/mp*.

WML In-Person & Virtual Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs and is required for all virtual programs, as you will need to register in order to receive the Zoom link. You can register on our website at *www.wilmlibrary.org* or by calling (978) 658-2967.

Wilmington Career Day



Wilmington High School hosted a Career Fair recently with over 40 professionals generously donating their time to participate including several alumni, WHS parents, staff from WHS and other Wilmington schools, community businesses, military branches, and public safety departments. Students learned about career path options and were able to ask questions at the event. (Courtesy photo)

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois

THE IRS ALERTS TAXPAYERS OF SUSPECTED IDENTITY THEFT BY LETTER

Scammers sometimes use stolen Social Security numbers to file fraudulent tax returns and collect refunds. To prevent this, the IRS scans every tax return for signs of fraud. If the system finds a suspicious tax return, the IRS reviews the return and sends a letter to the taxpayer letting them know about the potential ID theft. The IRS won't process the suspicious tax return until the taxpayer responds to the letter. The IRS may send these identify fraud letters to taxpayers:

Letter 5071C, Potential Identity Theft with Online Option: This tells the taxpayer to use an online tool to verify their identity and tax return information. If the taxpayer didn't file, they can let the IRS know with the online tool.

Letter 4883C, Potential Identity Theft: This tells the taxpayer to call the IRS to verify their identity and tax return information. If the taxpayer didn't file, they can call the Taxpayer Protection Program hotline number on the letter.

Letter 5747C, Potential Identity Theft In Person Appointment: This tells the taxpayer to verify their identity and tax return information in person at a local Taxpayer Assistance Center. If the taxpayer didn't file, they can call the Taxpayer Protection Program hotline number on the letter.

If the taxpayer received an IRS identity theft letter, they don't need to file an identity theft affidavit. If taxpayers need to give the IRS a heads up that they're a victim of identity theft or that they think they may be a victim, they can file Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit. If a taxpayer has already received an IRS letter about identity theft, they don't need to file an affidavit.

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Beware of deed theft scams

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

In response to the rising crime of deed theft, the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds has created an alert system that will notify deed holders via email if any document activity has occurred against their property.

According to the FBI Boston office, property owners should be aware of the rise in quit claim deed fraud. As detailed by the FBI, the scheme involves fraudsters who forge documents to record a phony transfer of property ownership.

Criminals can then sell either the vacant land or home, take out a mortgage on it, or even rent it out to make a profit, forcing the real owners to head to court to reclaim their property. The process is also called title theft.

Residents can visit the website at *https://massrods.com/middlesexnorth/* and scroll halfway down the page to the "Protect Your Home" section. Follow the instructions to set up an account. If help is needed, residents may also email the office for assistance at *lowelldeeds@sec.state.ma.us*.

A second scam is also prevalent and it comes in the mail. The registry office is warning homeowners that companies are offering homeowners a copy of their deed for a fee of $118. This is a scam. Homeowners can obtain a copy of their deed FREE OF CHARGE from the registry website. And, if a resident does not have the ability to print, they can call the registry Customer Service Department at 978-322-9000 to get a free copy.

In the FBI reports, the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), which provides the public with a means of reporting internet-facilitated crimes, does not have specific statistics solely for quit claim deed fraud, but this violation of privacy does fall into the real estate crime category.

Nationwide, from 2019 through 2023, 58,141 victims reported $1.3 billion in losses relating to real estate fraud. In the Boston Division — which includes all of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island — during the same period, 2,301 victims reported losing more than $61.5 million.

The FBI said that scammers can take advantage of unwitting homeowners in many ways. Some scammers comb through public records to find vacant parcels of land and properties that don't have a mortgage or other lien and then impersonate the landowner, asking a real estate agent to list the property.

Often family members of the elderly target their own relatives and convince them to transfer property into their name for their own financial gain. And then there are fraudsters known as "title pirates" who use fraudulent or forged deeds and other documents to convey title to a property.

Often these scams go undetected until after the money has been wired to the scammer in the fraudulent sale and the sale has been recorded.

Anyone who notices anything unusual about their deed documents should contact the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds. Any action of theft should be reported to local law enforcement immediately. Raising the alarm can help others from becoming victims.

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Search ends

Body of missing Lowell man recovered from Merrimack River

By AARON CURTIS
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(Eds. note: the following story comes courtesy of the Lowell Sun)

LOWELL — The body of a Lowell man who had been missing since January has been recovered from the Merrimack River in Essex County, his family confirmed on Wednesday, April 9.

One of the sons of 71-year-old Leon "Leo" Langlais, Jason Langlais, said the family is grieving but added, "It ends the limbo that we've been in."

"We can start moving forward with life, bringing him home, and putting him to rest," Jason Langlais said.

News of a deceased man pulled from the Merrimack River on the evening of April 3 was first reported by the Essex County District Attorney's Office. They said at approximately 6:35 p.m., the Lawrence Police Department received a call from a resident of the Union Crossing Apartments at 50 Island St., which overlooks the Merrimack River.

The caller reported seeing what appeared to be a person being carried downstream by the current. The North Andover Fire Department launched a boat and, shortly after 7:20 p.m., recovered the man from the river north of the Amazon facility. Firefighters estimate that the retrieval occurred in the Haverhill portion of the river.

Jason Langlais said that news of the discovery was reported, and the family was contacted about it. They later learned from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner that the body was confirmed to be Leo Langlais. Jason Langlais said that the cause of death remains under investigation.

Jason Langlais added that he and his family are grateful for the community support, concern, and thoughts and prayers. He said the Lowell police had informed them that officers were still receiving leads from the public and being asked for updates.

The Langlais family also praised the first responders involved and the Lowell Police Department for their efforts.

"They've been amazing," Jason Langlais said. "They've been very transparent with us, so we're eternally grateful for their dedication and their perseverance in helping us bring him home."

The mystery surrounding what happened to Leo Langlais continues to linger.

Leo Langlais, who lived with his wife, Patricia Langlais, on Burnham Road in the Belvidere neighborhood, was last seen near outer Andover Street on Jan. 24. Jason Langlais said shortly after his disappearance that doorbell and dash cam footage captured the retired Lowell resident walking in the area.

Patricia Langlais was not home at the time, and Leo Langlais did not leave a note — something he typically did when going out. He also did not bring his cellphone.

His family has described Leo Langlais as a devoted family man. In addition to four children, he leaves behind 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, as well as nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

"He is always there for everyone and the family at large," Amy St. Arnaud, the wife of Matt St. Arnaud, Leo Langlais' nephew, said in a social media post shortly after his disappearance. "Please keep his very loving family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of uncertainty. He had a daily presence in the lives of his wife, children, and grandchildren and this uncertainty is very hard on them all."

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Healey-Driscoll Administration launches new innovative recycling grant program

BOSTON — In celebration of Earth Month, the Healey-Driscoll Administration launched a new recycling program designed to fund innovative waste reduction projects throughout Massachusetts. The Waste Reduction Innovation Grant (WRIG), administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), will provide funding for new and existing businesses, non-profit organizations, and institutions that are committed to investing in advanced equipment or technology that will have a measurable impact on waste reduction.

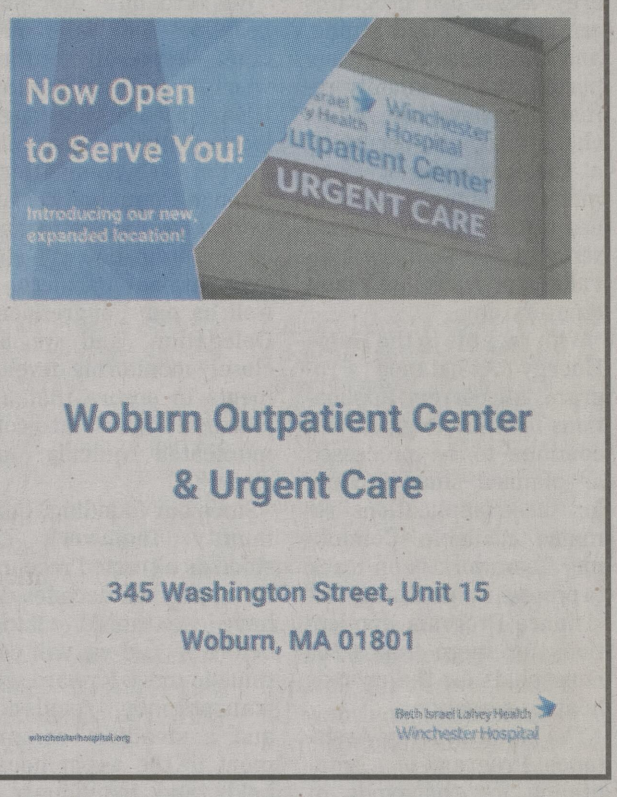
As part of its 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan, Mass DEP's 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan established goals to reduce waste by 30 percent by 2030 and 90 percent by 2050. The plan establishes a framework and broad vision for reducing and managing solid waste that is generated, reused, recycled, or disposed of by Massachusetts residents and businesses. The WRIG program targets areas of the waste stream that would benefit from innovation. The WRIG program will fund two categories of projects — start-up or pilot projects and innovative capital investments.

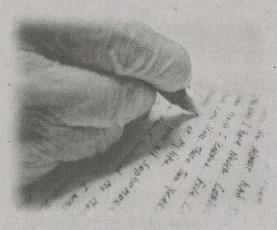
"Partnering with the private sector is critical to managing our waste and improving our efforts to reduce waste, reuse and recycle," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "This key investment will foster continued growth in our waste reduction industry, creating new jobs, and reducing the burden on an already strained waste stream."

"Not only does managing solid waste strain municipal budgets, waste emits harmful methane emissions as it sits in a landfill," said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. "Reducing waste is a critical piece of our strategy to address climate change and improve air quality in our environmental justice communities. Just like with clean energy and clean transportation, our waste management industry is poised to innovate and lead the way on waste reduction."

Up to ten projects will be eligible for start-up or pilot funding awards between $50,000 and $100,000, and up to four projects will be eligible for innovative capital investment funding awards between $500,000 and $2,000,000. Start-up/pilot projects will require a 25 percent grant match and capital investment projects will require a 50 percent match. Materials and activities eligible for capital investment funding include reuse or recycling of bulky household items like furniture, carpet and plastics; recycling of glass from material recovery facilities; reuse or recycling of specific construction materials including asphalt shingles, gypsum wallboard, and wood; recycling of non-vehicle lithium batteries; and sorting and recycling of textiles.

Visit the Waste Reduction Innovation Grants page for more information.





Letter to the editor

Honoring Wilmington volunteers during National Volunteer Week

To the editor,

English at Large (EAL) is a nonprofit organization that helps adult immigrants gain greater understanding of the English language and U.S. culture through personalized instructional programs designed to support their highest aspirations. Our learners benefit from a large network of volunteers and community partners in Greater Boston committed to their success.

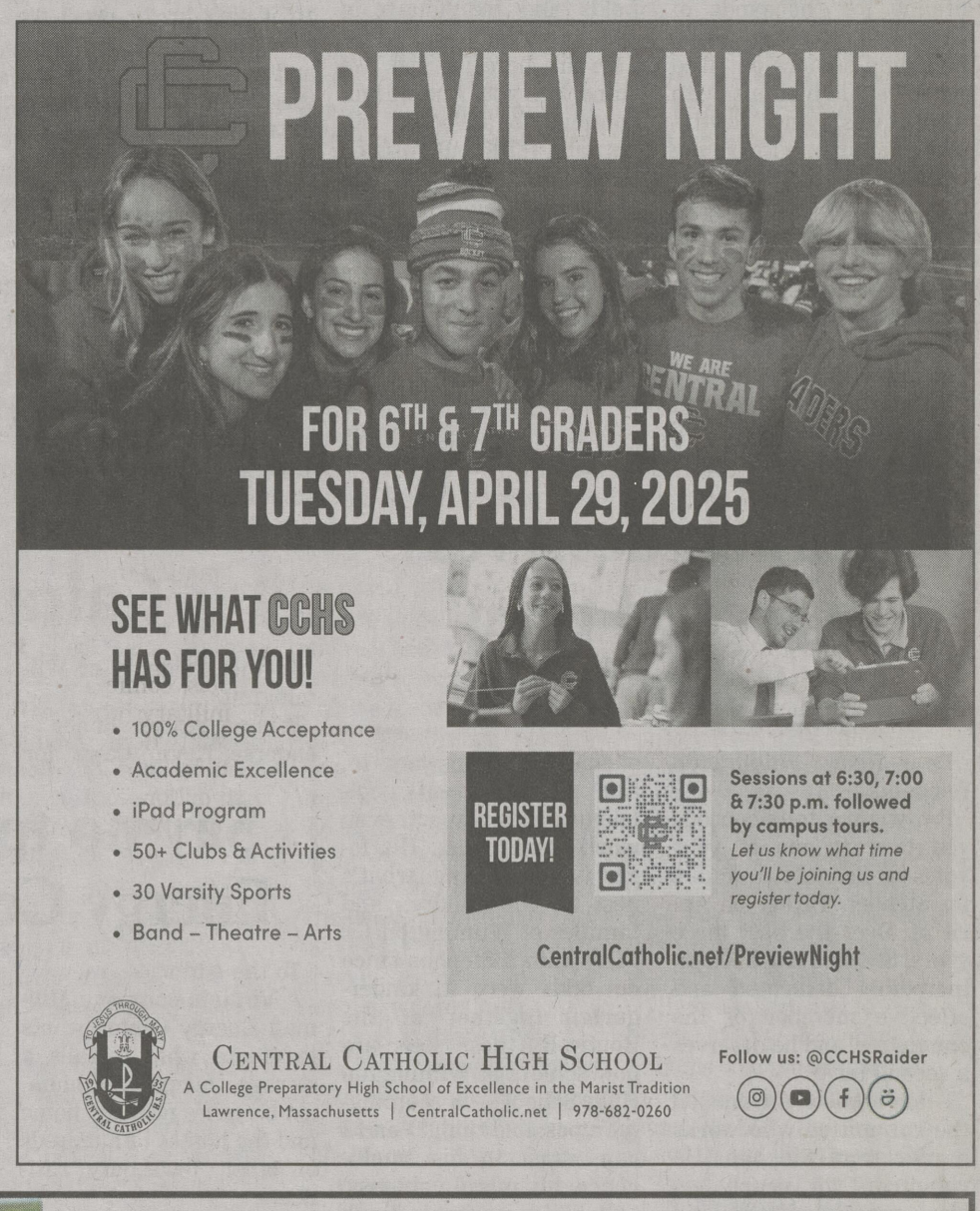
During this past year, 130 local people have provided over 6,000 hours of service to support their adult learners, our organization, and our staff. We are proud of their dedication and community spirit, which has made a difference in the lives of nearly 300 local immigrants across our 24-community service area.

Volunteer Appreciation Week is our opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts and community spirit of those who take action to support our immigrant neighbors and friends. We celebrate the service and impact of our volunteer tutors, conversation group facilitators, beginner English teachers, intake assessors, office and support volunteers, and members of our board and committees. Your efforts, as EAL volunteers, help make our world a better place.

Thank you!

We invite the Wilmington community to join us in acknowledging the efforts of our wonderful volunteer: Tina Stewart

For more information about English At Large, visit *www.englishatlarge.org*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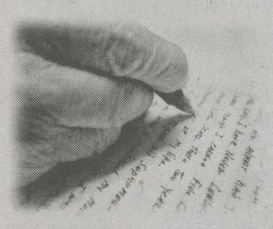

Letters to the editor

Head Start, HEAP remain up and running

To our valued clients, partners, and the Greater Lowell community:

In response to recent news regarding federal workforce reductions and the closure of regional offices affecting Head Start and the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), we want to offer clarity and reassurance.

Our Head Start classrooms remain open, our energy assistance programs are fully up and running, and our dedication to supporting the community remains unwavering. While changes may be occurring at the federal level, Community Teamwork continues to provide the critical services that so many individuals and families count on every day.

With regards to the Home Energy Assistance Program, all current applications for this program will continue to be processed as planned since funding for these applications remains available. Community Teamwork is on track to process Home Energy Assistance Program applications for more than 9,000 households for the current heating season.

The Home Energy Assistance Program is a vital lifeline for thousands of Greater Lowell residents, including seniors on fixed incomes, individuals with disabilities, and low-income families with young children. Without this supplemental home energy assistance, it would be nearly impossible for many to make it through the long and cold winter.

Regarding Head Start and all other Community Teamwork Early Care and Education Services, all programs continue to operate as usual. We provide essential services for over 1,200 families with young children. These comprehensive services allow parents to contribute to the workforce, providing employers with the vital human resources needed to operate businesses and organizations countywide, while supporting children's social, health, educational, and developmental growth.

We recognize that such headlines may raise questions — especially for those who rely on Head Start and HEAP. Please know: there is currently no disruption to the services offered through Community Teamwork. Our team remains in close coordination with state and national partners, as well as our Congressional Delegation, and we are closely monitoring developments to ensure that any potential impacts are communicated quickly and clearly.

Since our founding, Community Teamwork has stood as a trusted resource for nearly six decades. We have weathered change before — and we will continue to move forward with transparency, resilience, and a steadfast commitment to the assist households and individuals in our community.

We are here for you. We stand with you. And we will continue to advocate, adapt, and fulfill our mission to be a Catalyst for Change to support self-determination and strengthen our communities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us directly.

Sincerely,
Community Teamwork

Turner 'deserves a second term' on School Com.

Dear fellow Wilmington residents,

I'm writing to encourage you to cast one of your votes for School Committee for Stephen Turner on April 26. Over the past three years, Stephen has been an incredibly dedicated and effective member of the committee, and he deserves a second term.

I don't know anyone on the committee who works harder than Stephen. He volunteers for nearly every subcommittee and working group, and he's always prepared — not just reading the meeting materials, but digging deeper to fully understand the issues.

When first elected, he jumped in with both feet, learning the ins and outs of Wilmington Public Schools at breakneck speed, and he hasn't slowed down since.

Stephen's contributions at meetings are thoughtful and insightful. He asks the questions that residents should want answers to, and always treats colleagues with respect, even when disagreeing. His focus is unwavering: what's best for the children and families of Wilmington.

I've known Stephen since our kids were in kindergarten together at the Boutwell (those kids are now seniors at Wilmington High School — a seemingly impossible thing!) and I can attest to his intelligence, his moral compass, and his remarkable work ethic and dedication.

The rest of us have been the beneficiaries of Stephen's energy, his wisdom, and his desire to see all the students in our schools thrive.

Please join me in voting for Stephen Turner for School Committee in the town election on April 26.

Sincerely,
David Ragsdale
Member, Wilmington
School Committee

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Healey-Driscoll Administration awards $3.2M in fire safety grants

STOW — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that more than 300 Massachusetts fire departments will receive over $3 million dollars in grants to support safety equipment for firefighters and life safety education for kids and older adults.

This includes a $4,740.39 Fire Safety Equipment Grant for Tewksbury, a $7,200 SAFE Program grant for Tewksbury, a $2,600 Senior SAFE Program grant for Tewksbury, and a $5,700 SAFE Program and $2,400 Senior SAFE Program grant for Wilmington.

"Massachusetts firefighters do much more than fight fires — they're our first line of defense in any emergency," said Governor Maura Healey. "These grants will help firefighters protect themselves from injury and illness, rescue people in danger, and keep our most vulnerable residents safe from fires and other hazards at home. We are proud to be able to support these vital first responders who never hesitate to answer a call for help."

The awards are drawn from three grant programs coordinated by the Department of Fire Services.

The Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program reimburses local fire departments for purchases of turnout gear, hazardous gas meters, SCBA components, accountability systems, thermal imaging cameras, and more. This round of grants will provide $1.63 million in funding to fire departments in 266 communities. In many cases, the reimbursed purchases will help them attain compliance with Occupational Safety & Health Administration or National Fire Protection Association safety standards.

"Firefighters train tirelessly for every conceivable emergency so that they can be prepared to help those in need," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Through this program, we acknowledge that tremendous commitment by investing in the equipment they need to be safe in any situation."

The Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Grant Program funds firefighter-educators who deliver age-appropriate fire and life safety education to school-age children. Since the grants' inception in 1995, the number of Massachusetts children who die in fires has dropped to historically low levels, from two dozen or more per year to zero for nearly three consecutive years. This year's awards will deliver more than $1.1 million to 204 local fire departments.

"For 30 years, the SAFE grants have delivered life-saving lessons to Massachusetts' kids and teens through our local firefighters," said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence Reidy. "This is just one of the powerful local-state partnerships that make Massachusetts one of the safest places in the nation to live, work, and raise a family."

In 2014, DFS launched the Senior SAFE Grant Program, which is geared toward another vulnerable population — older adults, who face a disproportionate risk of death or serious injury in a fire. Nearly $485,000 will support alarm installation, fire safety education, fall prevention strategies, and other resources delivered by 203 local fire departments in partnership with local senior centers, councils on aging, and other community partners.

"People aged 65 and older are at greatest risk of death or serious injury in a fire at home," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "The Senior SAFE grants make a difference by sending trained firefighters to conduct home safety assessments, install or replace smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and help our seniors age in place safely and independently."

Caira is a 'man of integrity' who puts words into action

Dear editor,

As a resident of Wilmington and a registered voter for over 60 years, I would like to endorse Kevin Caira to continue as Selectman.

As corny as it may sound, I fully agree that "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Kevin has shown time and time again how much this town of Wilmington means to him and his family. When he speaks, they aren't just words, he puts them into action for the better of each and every person.

He is a man of integrity and always finds the time to speak to anyone who is in need of assistance.

This position requires a lot of time both before and after each Board of Selectmen meeting. He makes sure to do his homework and keeps abreast of any concerns and/or issues which the town is facing from the past, now, and into the future.

This is a great town to live in, raise a family and be proud of. If you want to keep it that way then you must cast your vote for the re-election of Kevin Caira to the Board of Selectmen! I have and continue to be very honored and proud to know Kevin.

Your vote for Kevin is more assurance that you will continue to love, respect and honor our great town of Wilmington with Kevin Caira as a man deserving to continue being a member of the Board of Selectmen!

Sincerely,
Mary Kiesinger

Fennelly a 'strong leader and true public servant'

Dear fellow Wilmington residents,

I'm writing to strongly endorse Jesse Fennelly for reelection to the Wilmington School Committee.

Over the past six years, Jesse has shown deep dedication to Wilmington's children and families. He's been actively involved in all aspects of the committee's work — policy, budgeting, and collective bargaining.

As chair this past year, he led us skillfully through important initiatives, including advancing the elementary school building project and preparing to hire an interim superintendent.

Jesse is thoughtful and independent-minded. He's not afraid to respectfully disagree with others, asks smart questions, and makes valuable points. He also knows when to listen rather than speak — he doesn't talk just to hear his own voice.

As a parent with two children in Wilmington schools, Jesse wants the same for all kids that he wants for his own: a district where every child can learn and thrive. He puts in the time, and more importantly, he puts his heart into the work.

Someone like Jesse Fennelly is exactly who we want representing us — he's a good man, a strong leader, and a true public servant.

I encourage all Wilmington voters to join me in casting one of your School Committee votes for Jesse Fennelly on April 26.

Sincerely,
David Ragsdale
Member, Wilmington
School Committee

Say no to Hillman Energy Center plan

To the editor,

A Virginia company, Hillman Energy Center, wants to create what it calls a storage "farm" of lithium-ion batteries near my home and the homes of hundreds of other Tewksbury residents.

The objective, they say, is to store energy from the electric grid so that it can be deployed during times of high need. That sounds reasonable.

Except that the company never mentions the potential danger involved for those who live within half a mile of the site. Similar installations elsewhere have caught fire and burned for as long as three days, generating smoke and toxic gases as far as prevailing winds will carry them.

(Google: "Lithium-ion storage fires.")

Conventional firefighting methods are usually unsuccessful and the fire must be left to burn itself out.

We're not talking AAA or C batteries here. The ones they want to plant in an area off Old Boston Road are each 19.9 feet long, 8 feet wide and 9.5 feet tall. Each one would weigh 93,700 pounds and there would be 169 of them.

My desk calculator says that's 15,835,300 pounds. (Yes. The 15 means "million.")

I don't know what kind of safety measures Hillman would use but I don't want 16 million pounds of lithium-ion batteries accidentally catching fire in my neighborhood.

The immediate neighborhood, by the way, includes small businesses, many private homes, a condo community of some 260 residents, an assisted living facility with some 100 residents and a staff of 30, and seven multi-story apartment buildings.

In some instances elsewhere, the smoke and gases from these conflagrations have forced the evacuation of hundreds of residents. In Tewksbury, the evacuation of the assisted living facility alone would pose a virtually impossible problem for firefighters and ambulance personnel — especially given the scarcity of roadway escape routes.

Some may consider huge battery storage farms like the one proposed here a reasonable plan for the future of this country's electric system. That's all well and good. But these sites don't belong in the midst of homes and businesses.

The Town of Tewksbury and the state of Massachusetts should say NO to this Hillman Energy plan.

Jack McDonough

Caira a 'dedicated public servant'

To the residents of Wilmington,

It is my sincere honor to endorse Kevin Caira for re-election to the Wilmington Board of Selectmen.

Kevin has been a dedicated public servant whose steady leadership, experience and integrity have made a meaningful impact on our town. Over the years, he has consistently put the best interests of Wilmington residents first — working hard to support public safety, maintain quality town services and promote responsible financial management.

What sets Kevin apart is his deep understanding of the needs and values of our community. He's approachable, thoughtful, and committed to transparency. Whether navigating complex issues or supporting local initiatives, Kevin brings a balanced, practical perspective to every discussion, always keeping the long-term well-being of Wilmington in mind.

Our town has benefited from Kevin's leadership and dedication, and I believe his continued service will help ensure Wilmington remains a strong, vibrant and well-governed community.

I encourage my fellow residents to join me in supporting Kevin Caira for re-election to the Board of Selectmen on April 26, 2025.

Sincerely,
Marianne Gallezzo

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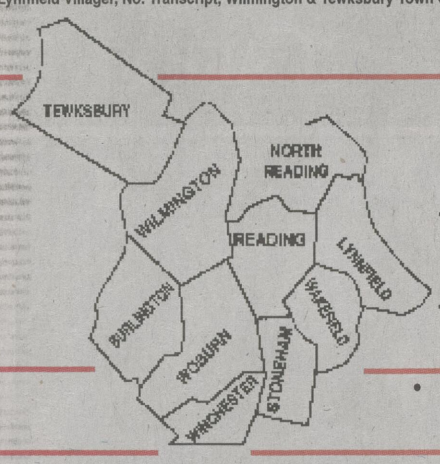

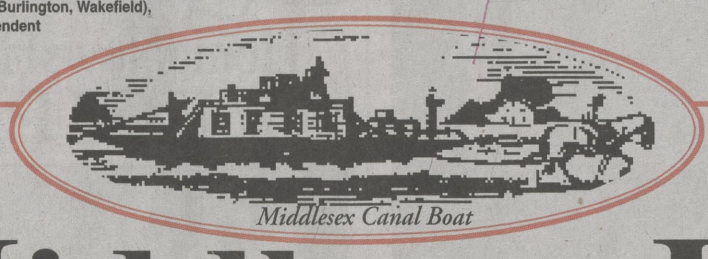

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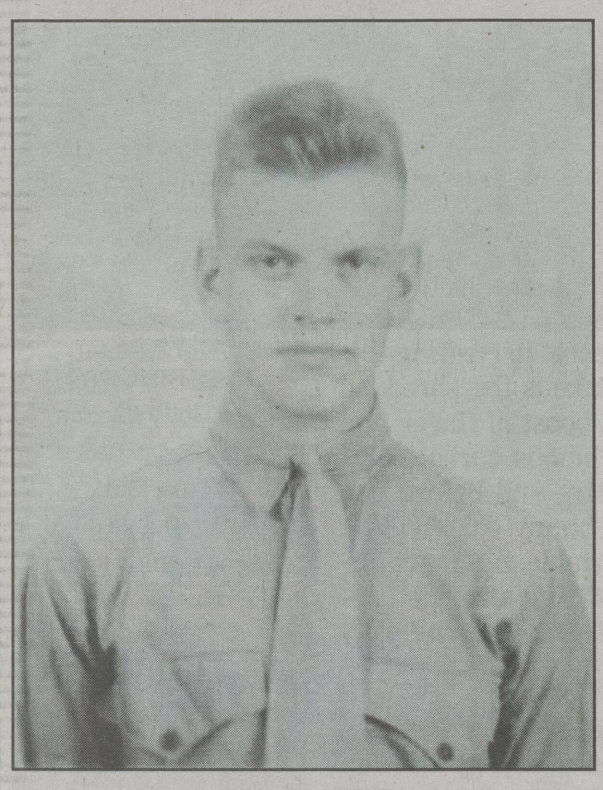

Marine Cpl. John E. Edwinson Jr.

World War II - United States Marine

Wilmington's Cpl. John Edwinson to finally arrive home

By RYAN LAROCHE

On Saturday, April 26, Marine Cpl. John E. Edwinson Jr. comes home to Wilmington. Edwinson was sadly killed in action during World War II on Sept. 24, 1942 at Guadalcanal, an island in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, and buried, along with nine others, on the battlefield by his comrades.

Now, nearly 83 years later, Edwinson's remains will return to his hometown to be buried alongside his mother and father in Wildwood Cemetery.

It's apropos this is happening just weeks before Memorial Day, a true testament to the sacrifice these young servicemen and women make every day and a remainder for all Americans to never take the freedoms that exist in this country for granted.

Once Edwinson's remains return to Wilmington, the Department of Veterans Services encourages residents to hold American flags line the route between the Nicholas Funeral Home and the gravesite to support the Edwinson family and pay respect to a true hometown hero.

Flags of all sizes are welcome.

Edwinson was born on March 17, 1921 in Lowell, the son of John E. Edwinson, Sr. and Vera M. (Britton) Edwinson and the eldest of six siblings (all of whom have since sadly passed away). Edwinson graduated Wilmington High School with the Class of 1938 and thereafter chose to enlist in the United States Marines on Oct. 22, 1940.

The family grew up on Taplin Avenue in Wilmington (in the area of Main Street near the CVS and Cumberland Farms). According to Edwinson's obituary, he enjoyed summers swimming at Silver Lake or skating in the winters.

At 15 years old, Edwinson's mother sadly passed away and he bravely stepped up to help his father raise his younger siblings. With his father working as a stone mason, the younger Edwinson assisted in constructing countless stone and block foundations around town, plus at the Wildwood Cemetery.

Following WWII, his father and brothers did the block foundation for the VFW Hall on Main Street to honor all the fallen and disabled veterans.

Edwinson, his obituary notes, was proud to join the war efforts going on across the country and do his part to keep America safe. In 1942, while serving with Company A, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment on Samoa, they were undertaking jungle training when they were called up as reinforcements.

Later that fall, on Sept. 18, Edwinson's unit, under the command of Lt. Colonel Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, landed on Guadalcanal to reinforce the beleaguered 1st Marine Division commanded by General Alexander A. Vandergrift. Six days later, Edwinson's unit departed from the Lunga Perimeter and headed out into Guadalcanal's backcountry.

General Vandegrift ordered the Regiment to conduct patrols southwest toward Mount Austen and west to the Matanikau River in the Japanese held area of the island. After an exhausting day-long hike, the battalion reached a stream bed and began searching for a suitable bivouac.

As Edwinson's platoon was patrolling along a Japanese held roadway in the jungle foothills, the point unit was ambushed by Japanese machine gun fire. The ensuing firefight cost the lives of 10 Marines and gravely wounded an additional two dozen men.

It's at that site where Lt. Col. Puller chose to bury Edwinson and the nine members of his platoon in Hills X and Y. Several years later, search teams returned to Guadalcanal to look for the 10 Marines buried in those hills but were unable to locate the graves. Search efforts continued for decades until 2016 when a recovery team unearthed military issued artifacts and a dog tag consistent with another missing Marine reportedly buried at Hill Y.

Searches continued through the years and more remains were unearthed, and on Sept. 11, 2024, the remains of Corporal John E. "Eddie" Edwinson, Jr., were positively identified.

His family never gave up hope for his recovery and his return to their hometown; his siblings continued to communicate with the Marine Corps. and the Defense POW/MIA Account Agency and stayed on top of retrieving information every time there was a new development in the search efforts.

In fact, the BIden Administration announced on Sept. 19, they positively identified the remains of Edwinson on the DPAA website (https://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/ID-Announcements/Article/3911633/marine-accounted-for-from-wwii-edwinson-j/). This follows American Graves Registration Service declaring him non-recoverable in August of 1950.

Unfortunately, none of his siblings lived long enough to see him recovered, but they instilled that sense of duty and family into their children to continue the search. The family was thrilled to get the phone call that his remains were identified and they started planning his return home to Wilmington to lay him to rest with his parents.

Before search and rescue teams located Edwinson's remains, and the remains of the other nine men buried alongside him, the government held meetings all

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BEST FRIENDS - Naomi Watts in a scene from "The Friend" released by Bleecker Street. (Matt Infante/Bleecker Street via AP)

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Naomi Watts and a Great Dane mourn Bill Murray in 'The Friend'

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Having it all means different things to everyone, but a rent-controlled apartment in Manhattan is probably pretty close to a universal dream — even for non-New Yorkers. It's easy enough, then, to understand the profound conundrum facing Iris (Naomi Watts), a writer and professor who suddenly finds herself with a 150-pound Great Dane ward after an unexpected death in "The Friend."

Not only is her place a mere 500 square feet, but it's also one of those pesky buildings in which dogs are not welcome. Not even the cute, well-behaved ones.

Dog lovers may find the choice simple (perhaps it should be) and the apartment rules cruelly restrictive, but this is a single woman living a writer's life in one of the most expensive cities in the world. And now she's grappling with the idea of saying goodbye to a major part of her identity because her dear friend and mentor Walter (Bill Murray) died without leaving behind a plan for his beloved dog Apollo (Bing). Or perhaps that's not entirely true: Iris was the plan. Walter just didn't tell her that before he killed himself. She's not even a self-proclaimed dog person.

The film is an adaptation of Sigrid Nunez's National Book Award-winning novel of the same name, made by filmmaking duo Scott McGehee and David Siegel ("What Maisie Knew"). Its appeal isn't mysterious — it's a classic New York movie about the most romantic New York profession, writing, with actors like Murray and Watts (and Bing) leading the charge.

These are characters who've lived lives, too. Walter died a celebrated but problematic author, known for his womanizing and multiple marriages. He left behind not just Apollo but three ex-wives (Carla Gugino, Constance Wu and Noma Dumezweni), a grown daughter (Sarah Pidgeon) not conceived in wedlock and a misconduct accusation. Iris and Walter also had a dalliance at one point, but settled into a friendship — his deepest, we're told.

This is perhaps the most mysterious element of the story — partially on purpose, since Walter is dead for most of the movie. We see him only in limited flashbacks and Murray wears the part well: a free-wheeling, egotistical genius whose ways have skipped out of sync with the times but whose charisma keeps him surrounded by throngs of admirers. And afterward, Iris is questioning what it all meant and perhaps how well she really did know this man: It's a kind of grief, that of a friend, that isn't regularly explored in films.

Iris is the most radical of female characters, even, depressingly in 2025: a single woman of a certain age and no ambition to be anything else. Watts plays her with grace and dignity, as she struggles with her own writing. Even Apollo has a past: Walter found him alone in Central Park one day and took him in as his own. When Walter's gone, Apollo is perhaps the most outwardly depressed about the loss. His days are spent either sitting sadly on Iris' bed with literal hangdog eyes or acting out and destroying things in her apartment.

It's no spoiler to say that they'll both have to go on a journey to realizing that perhaps they can find solace in one another in the devastating absence of their larger-than-life friend. McGehee and Siegel avoid hokey dog movie cliches and easy jokes about ownership learning curves and instead present a rather straightforward portrait of what it's like to suddenly inherit a very large living creature.

"The Friend" stretches on a bit too long, but it's done with such care and a kind heart that it's not hard to give it two hours of your time. It's also one of those movies people complain they don't make anymore, although its existence is a reminder that they do still make "them," meaning smart, emotionally authentic stories about people who seem real. They just might require a little more effort to find than they used to.

"The Friend," a Bleecker Street release now in limited release and in theaters nationwide Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for "a sexual reference and language." Running time: 123 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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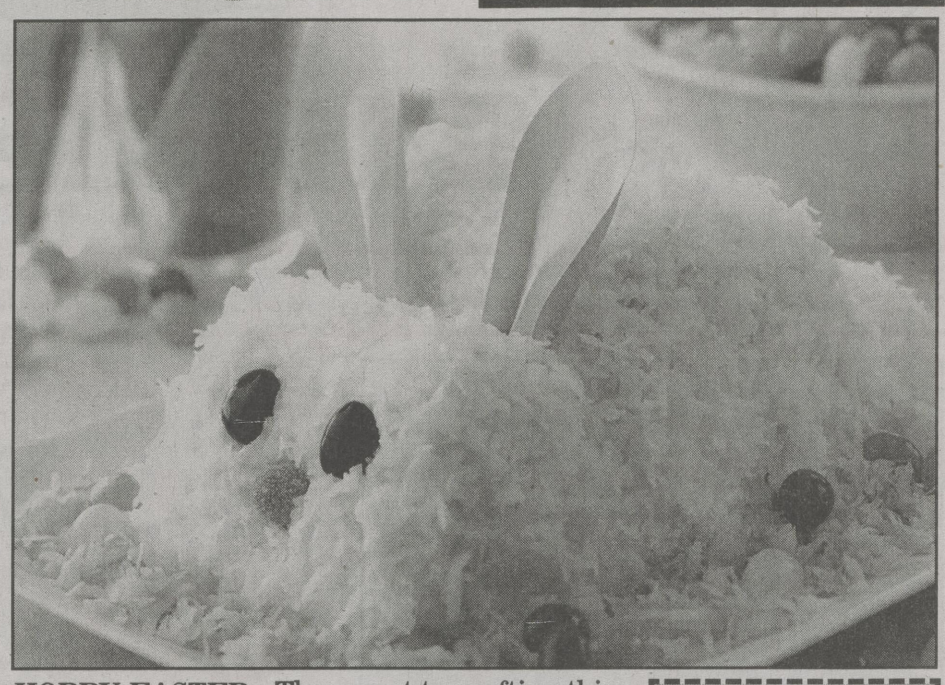
Easter Bunny Cake



HOPPY EASTER - The secret to crafting this adorable Easter Bunny Cake is the shredded coconut! It adds an extra boost of flavor and texture to the already delicious carrot cake. Start with Carrot Cake Mix and before you know it, a cute-as-can-be bunny cake will be hopping down your Easter table. But don't forget about the decorations! The shredded coconut adds a fur-like texture, and the jelly beans add a pop of color.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 box Betty Crocker™ Delights Super Moist™ Carrot Cake Mix
- Water, vegetable oil and eggs called for on cake mix box
- Tray or cardboard covered with wrapping paper and plastic food wrap or foil
- 1 tub (12 oz) Betty Crocker™ Whipped Fluffy White Frosting
- 1 cup coconut
- Construction paper
- Jelly beans or small gumdrops, as desired
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- Green liquid food color

STEPS

1. Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pans). Make, bake and cool cake as directed on box for two 8-inch or 9-inch round pans. Wrap and freeze 1 layer for later use. Freeze remaining layer 45 minutes before cutting to reduce crumbs.

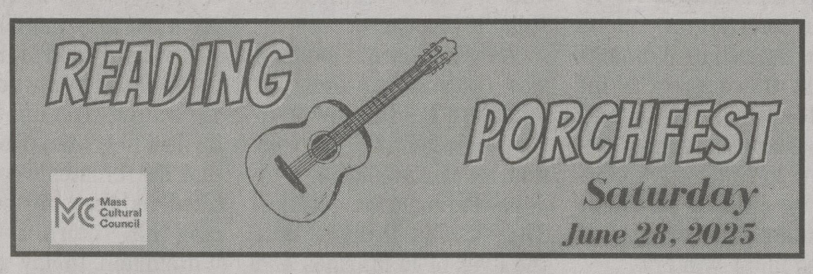
2. Cut cake layer in half. Put halves together with frosting to make body. Place cake upright on cut edge on tray.

3. Cut out a notch about one-third of the way up one end of body to form head (small end). Attach half of cutout piece from tail with toothpicks. Frost with remaining frosting, rounding body on sides. Sprinkle with 1 cup coconut. Cut ears from construction paper; wrap ends that will be inserted into cake with plastic food wrap. Press into notch on top. Use jelly beans for eyes and nose.

4. Add 1 cup coconut to a 1-quart resealable food storage plastic bag. Add food color; tint to desired color, shaking bag to coat coconut. Surround bunny with tinted coconut. Add additional jelly beans if desired. Remove ears, plastic wrap and toothpicks before serving. Store loosely covered.

EXPERT TIPS

- Freezing cut cake pieces uncovered for about 45 minutes will make frosting a lot easier.
- Create an attractive display by covering sturdy cardboard with wrapping paper and then plastic food wrap. Stretch and secure with tape. Or cover cardboard with foil or cooking parchment paper.



Mark your calendars — Reading PorchFest is happening on Saturday, June 28 from 12-6 PM!

This free, family-friendly music festival features performers of all genres playing on porches, driveways, and front yards throughout Reading. Whether you're a musician, host, or music lover, there's a way to be part of the fun.

Want to participate? Registration opens Saturday, March 1 at ReadingPorchFest.com. There you'll find everything you need to sign up as a performer or host — or both!

Just want to listen? A full map and schedule will be available on the site as the festival approaches, along with music samples and artist info.

Reading PorchFest began in 2019 as part of the town's 375th anniversary and has become a beloved annual tradition, held each year on the fourth Saturday of June. Thanks to our volunteers and support from the Reading Cultural Council, this year is shaping up to be our biggest yet.

So grab your lawn chair, your walking shoes, and your friends — and get ready to enjoy a full day of music and community in Reading. See you on June 28!

Wednesday , April 23rd at 7:30

Live collaborative event features stand up comedy and short film

Comedians in their shorts at Regent Theater

Comedians, Tony V., and Frank Santorelli, along with Film Director, Jordan Tofalo will present "COMEDIANS IN THEIR SHORTS," a live event that combines stand-up comedy and film shorts – created by legendary Boston based comedians (themselves) and Boston film professionals, at 7:30PM on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at Arlington's, historic Regent Theatre.

Show Host, Tony V. stated, "Our goal is to deliver an evening of entertainment that has never been seen before. As comedians and actors, it is our newest iteration to keep it fresh for our audience. He quipped, "People can witness the work ethic of those who actually don't like to work." "

Three short films; the award winning "DIRTY OOBER" and "LOVE IN SPACE," along with the premier of "LOVE IN SPACE II" - will be featured between stand-up performances from comedy masters Lenny Clarke, Ken Rogerson, Frank Santorelli, Tony V. & Steve Bjork

As Creator of the "LOVE IN SPACE" shorts, Santorelli remarked, "Ever since I was a cast member on the Emmy and Golde Globe winning drama, "The Sopranos" I've wanted to write my own show. After meeting Jordan Tofalo, I felt like it was not too late to pursue my dream. Besides, I'd rather be "beat up" by her, than by James Gandolfini, any day."

Tickets are $25 for the main show at 7:30PM. A limited number of VIP tickets are available for $50 at 6:30 PM, which include premium seating, a pre-show Meet 'n Greet with performers and an autographed poster of the evening's event. There will be an optional Q & A with the cast at the end of the show for all audience members who wish to attend. Tofalo added," Laughter is essential, especially today. My hope is that our show brings more of it."

Tony V.

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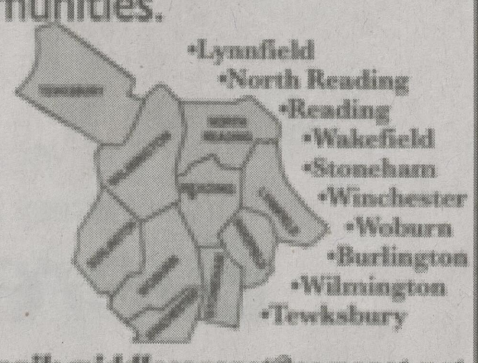

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5 Magnolia Dr was sold to 5 Magnolia Drive LLC by Markiewicz Rt and John Markiewicz for $1,325,000 on 03/28/25

NORTH READING

12 Audubon Rd was sold to Bradbuilt Const Co LLC by Katalex Properites LLC for $230,000 on 03/26/25

14 Audubon Rd was sold to Bradbuilt Const Co LLC by Audubon Nr LLC for $70,000 on 03/26/25

8 Audubon Rd was sold to Bradbuilt Const Co LLC by Audubon Nr LLC for $70,000 on 03/26/25

146 Chestnut St was sold to Martin Granda and Holly Granda by C Barry Anderson T and Claire E Morse for $525,000 on 03/24/25

230 Martins Lndg #105 was sold to Kimberlee H Rivera by Anthony V Rizzo and Gino A Rizzo for $415,000 on 03/31/25

300 Martins Lndg #501 was sold to Paul Bolger and Claire M Bolger by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $843,025 on 03/25/25

300 Martins Lndg #301 was sold to Kevin R Bouchard and Christine M Bouchard by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $766,765 on 03/28/25

300 Martins Lndg #303 was sold to June R Burt and Richard C Burt by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $490,000 on 03/31/25

300 Martins Lndg #201 was sold to Nancy E Corsino by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $775,085 on 03/28/25

300 Martins Lndg #207 was sold to Warren Jennings and Lisa Jennings by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $686,035 on 03/27/25

300 Martins Lndg #306 was sold to Chris L Perkins and Cheryl M Perkins by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $755,400 on 03/28/25

300 Martins Lndg #508 was sold to Brenda L Vollmar by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $754,195 on 03/25/25

12 Oscars Way was sold to Stephanie Francois and George Jabar by William P Mclaughlin and Gina M Hayes for $1,525,000 on 03/31/25

10 Tower Hill Rd was sold to Alex H Beherrell by Grace Kane for $690,000 on 03/31/25

READING

11 Collins Ave was sold to Timothy D Higgins and Pamela M Higgins by Vivian M Ward for $1,025,000 on 03/25/25

100 Oak St was sold to Kevin B Mullins and Varangkana Colby by Pim Nt and Susan E Omaley for $622,500 on 03/26/25

35 Scotland Rd was sold to Chris Berardi by Michael Sullivan and Kasie L Sullivan for $2,200,000 on 03/28/25

11 Taylor Dr #11 was sold to Rui Ding and Xiaoyong Yang by Johmson Woods Realty Cor for $281,400 on 03/28/25

39 Taylor Dr #1010 was sold to Rong Fan by Courtney Richards for $699,900 on 03/27/25

5 Essex St was sold to Cynthia Dicicco-Plourde and Paul Plourde by George R Farren Jr and Cynthia Dicicco-Plourde for $330,000 on 03/26/25

STONEHAM

100 Fellsview Ter #105 was sold to Juliana Passatempo by Paul Francis Dev Grp LLC for $382,500 on 03/28/25

137 Franklin St #106 was sold to Veronika Sargsyan and Samvel Avetisyan by 137 Franklin St Unit 106 and Sarah Drewicz for $426,000 on 03/27/25

157 Franklin St #C7 was sold to Hilda Y Yue by Oconnell Irt and Philip A Oconnell Jr for $280,000 on 03/26/25

159 Franklin St #D3 was sold to Lidia Tokareva by Matthew A Holden and Min Chen for $320,000 on 03/31/25

290 Main St was sold to Lily Oak Hill LLC by Rrp T and William H Round for $3,120,000 on 03/31/25

15 Mauriello Dr was sold to Mark Charles Johnso RET and Mark C Johnson by Mario B Barrenchea and Victoria Barbato for $1,430,000 on 03/31/25

38 Pleasant St was sold to Lolli Ft and Dennis A Lolli by John C Moquin 2023 RET and John C Moquin for $1,132,500 on 03/27/25

TEWKSBURY

86 Adams Rd was sold to John Mangano and John Oneill by Katherine S Rinehart for $335,500 on 03/31/25

112 Ballard St was sold to Jessica A Lamb and James A Lamb 2nd by Christopher G Vollmar and Brenda L Vollmar for $828,000 on 03/25/25

120 County Rd was sold to Alexandria M Lopez and Jeffrey S Sargavakian by Camille A Michals for $605,000 on 03/24/25

1215 Main St #109 was sold to 1215 Main St LLC by Jumiro LLC for $750,000 on 03/31/25

1215 Main St #110 was sold to 1215 Main St LLC by Jumiro LLC for $750,000 on 03/31/25

1215 Main St #111 was sold to 1215 Main St LLC by Jumiro LLC for $750,000 on 03/31/25

1215 Main St #112 was sold to 1215 Main St LLC by Jumiro LLC for $750,000 on 03/31/25

1215 Main St #114 was sold to 1215 Main St LLC by Jumiro LLC for $750,000 on 03/31/25

1501 Main St #46 was sold to Jeetendra Shangari and Shangari Ft by K A D Homes LLC for $60,000 on 03/26/25

191 Patrick Rd #191 was sold to Carolynn K Walker by 191 Patrick Rd Unit 191 Corcoran and Deborah Corcoran for $510,000 on 03/27/25

55 Randolph Dr #55 was sold to George Tsiantikos by Jason Downey for $408,000 on 03/26/25

710 Rogers St was sold to Sarbjit Kaur and Shiv C Dass by Stephen Krusper and Christine Krusper for $752,500 on 03/31/25

1135 South St was sold to Rosemarie Foley and Richard C Packard by Paul C Larue and Lauriane A Gaudette for $618,000 on 03/24/25

67 South St was sold to Lore Ft and Anthony M Lore Jr by Rick Gauthier LLC for $675,000 on 03/28/25

WAKEFIELD

248 Albion St #248 was sold to Cynthia Terry by Mullane Joyce J Est and Nancy Petraglia for $734,000 on 03/25/25

23 Bartley St #B was sold to Vidhi Lohia and Gaurav M Batra by Catherine Rosenthal and Eric Rosenthal for $725,000 on 03/25/25

69 Foundry St #318 was sold to Robin M Iantosca by Matthew Pearson for $495,000 on 03/28/25

41 Keeling Rd was sold to Christina Pelzer and Kayleigh Banks by David P Andonian for $830,000 on 03/28/25

28-B Lake St was sold to Biniam Tekeste by Helene G Stentiford RET and Joan S Swyers for $871,000 on 03/31/25

100 Nahant St #260 was sold to Micheal R Kelly by Joseph Gouveia Jr for $609,900 on 03/31/25

120 Vernon St #2B was sold to Yaofei Wang by Rachel Esterkes for $519,000 on 03/25/25

WILMINGTON

16 Darby Ln was sold to Shubham Sakhuja and Tina Shah by Lily Oak Hill LLC for $1,325,000 on 03/28/25

2 Darby Ln was sold to Timothy Chiesa and Lauren Sylvain by Lily Oak Hill LLC for $1,300,000 on 03/27/25

5 Franklin Ave was sold to Dse Construction Inc and V D Arantes by Ionian Properties LLC for $733,000 on 03/25/25

203 Lowell St #101 was sold to Veronica Donato by 203 Lowell St Owner LLC for $500,000 on 03/25/25

30 Marcus Rd was sold to Courtney L Nugent and Andrew R Nugent by Alexandra Pichette and Erik Pichette for $760,000 on 03/31/25

128 Marion St was sold to Yaqiang Liu and Jin Zhao by Albert M Ma and Joni W Ling for $1,000,000 on 03/31/25

159 Shawsheen Ave was sold to David M Foley Jr by Constitution Prop LLC for $655,000 on 03/31/25

815 St was sold to Ats 815 Street LLC by 815 Street LLC for $6,200,000 on 03/27/25

WINCHESTER

17 Baldwin St was sold to D Development Group LLC by Joseph A Berry Jr and Savings Bank for $720,000 on 03/24/25

7 Conant Rd #24 was sold to Chen-Yuan Lee and Karen Chang by Frances M Simmons and Thomas H Parker for $682,000 on 03/28/25

299 Cross St #299 was sold to Elumalai Pavadai and Bhanumathi Selvaraj by Shalini Keshavamurthy and Vikram D Kumaraswamy for $615,000 on 03/24/25

17 Dix St was sold to Marimar Ravens by Barbara A Gillespie for $2,350,000 on 03/24/25

41 Foxcroft Rd was sold to Taylor Tremble and Stephanie Calnan by Mcdonald Contracting LLC for $2,222,500 on 03/27/25

5 Girard Rd was sold to Richard J Mcnally and Donna M Mcnally by Victor Jablokov and Maggie Shafiro for $2,425,000 on 03/25/25

19 Johnson Rd was sold to Alfred Bonfantini Jr and Claire Bonfantini by Anuradha & R Durfee RET and Ryan S Durfee for $1,890,000 on 03/28/25

6 Lakeview Rd was sold to Stephen Freiberg and Rebecca Fuhlbrigge by Silvana Bruno for $3,665,000 on 03/27/25

63 Shore Rd #25 was sold to Richard M Mucci by Mount Ardley Rt and William B Oleary for $225,000 on 03/25/25

30 Willowdale Rd was sold to 30 Willowdale Road LLC by Gail A Goolkasian and George J Goolkasian for $1,250,000 on 03/27/25

5 Worthen Rd was sold to Michael R Shunta and Bethany L Wilson-Shunta by Michael Mcgeehan and Kathleen S Mcgeehan for $1,650,000 on 03/31/25

WOBURN

2 Baldwin Ave was sold to Nicole E Corsi and Dean F Corsi by Thomas K Monks and Tanya L Treen-Monks for $1,001,000 on 03/26/25

22 Bedford Rd was sold to Marcelo Deoliveira and Maria Deoliveira by Flavia N Leal for $890,000 on 03/26/25

23 Day Cir was sold to Cialdea Construction Corp by Arcangelo Parziale and Angela Parziale for $608,000 on 03/28/25

58 Glenwood Ave was sold to Erik Saathoff and Tonisha Saathoff by William W Smith Jr Est and John J Mchugh 3rd for $920,000 on 03/26/25

15 Goodwin Dr #55 was sold to Kabir Uddin and Hiba S Fares by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $332,700 on 03/28/25

66 Harrison Ave was sold to Andrew Margolin by Xin Chen and Yao Chen for $650,000 on 03/27/25

654 Main St was sold to Guastavino Realty LLC by City Of for $575,000 on 03/24/25

38 Middle St was sold to Nor Tun LLC by New England Hm Buyers LL for $610,000 on 03/28/25

40 Mount Pleasant St #1 was sold to Morgan Sciacca and S Riojas-Cervantes by Mcsweeney Ft and Christopher Mcsweeney for $545,000 on 03/28/25

1 Presidential Way #104 was sold to Bfs Realty LLC by Jawahar L Raina T and Jawahar L Raina for $1,100,000 on 03/26/25

99 Prospect St was sold to Murad Eskandar by Don Q Re Development LLC and Saturn Realty Group LLC for $650,000 on 03/24/25

60 Salem St was sold to Ruby Holland and Michael Holland by Jeanne Haynes and Nicholas J Haynes for $616,100 on 03/24/25

• MARINE FROM B1

across the country to update families on the recovery efforts. Don Carter, Edwinson's nephew (and his oldest living relative) and a veteran in his own right having served from 1968-70, said the attempts to bring home veterans killed and buried overseas picked up in intensity after the Vietnam War.

He mentioned how Edwinson's body didn't disintegrate due to the conditions in the jungles of Guadalcanal so the government was able to identify his remains using DNA provided by the families. Carter also mentioned the remains of another Marine buried next to Edwinson just returned home to either Cambridge or Somerville last year.

Edwinson's remains should arrive at Logan Airport sometime next week, either Wednesday or Thursday. Carter and the rest of his family will receive a police escort to the airport.

"Our family spent so long trying to get him home," Carter noted, adding how his mother, Edwinson's sister, before she passed away asked him to follow through and make sure the government kept looking.

Carter's mother passed away in 2017, but Carter said she "never gave up hope." Carter, though, expressed reservations anyone would find him. But now that he's coming home, Carter hopes the town turns out to welcome him back. He called the burial at Wildwood Cemetery at "pretty big deal," as Edwinson will be buried with Military Honors (and Carter hopes he receives a 21-gun salute).

"I want this to be a town event," Carter said of his uncle's return, "as it's one of their own coming home. I want veterans to feel good."

Carter said he invited up to 130 combat veterans to attend the services, calling it a "great day" for the town and for veterans. He also noted how the ceremony, although likely a somber affair, will be a nice change of pace from current events.

The family has a history of serving this country, as Edwinson's three brother's served, Carter's brother Chuck and father Charles both served, and as previously mentioned, Carter served, as well. Carter's father served in Germany and passed away just before his 99th birthday while his brother served in Vietnam and sadly passed away due to complications resulting from exposure to Agent Orange.

Carter added finding the remains of the 10 men buried in the hills of Guadalcanal became difficult as over the years people started building homes on top of the gravesites. However, Carter said search teams sifted through the sand and found bone fragments that led them to the gravesites of the 10 Marines.

Carter said as a child he heard about Edwinson, but never thought they would find him. Regardless, he still went to the meetings to receive updates on the progress. Carter acknowledged how the government wouldn't sugarcoat anything and were honest of the chances of finding Edwinson's remains.

Although all 10 men were found, Carter wasn't sure if

all 10 have been identified yet.

Calling himself an "emotional guy," Carter said he would speak at the funeral and thank everyone, although he doesn't know if 100 people or 1,000 people will show up. Carter said the police aren't worried but he is.

Thinking about his mother, Cater said he's sure she's looking down, excited her brother's remains will finally come home.

As the family notes in his obituary, all are welcome to gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, April 26 for Visitation from 10 a.m. – noon with a Service at noon. Edwinson will be interred with Military Honors in the family lot at Wildwood Cemetery in Wilmington and all are welcome to gather along Wildwood Street between Nichols Funeral Home and Wildwood Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. as the town honors its hometown hero.

(Parking will be available at Wilmington High School, Wilmington Fourth of July Building, St. Thomas Church, The Arts Center, and the Wilmington Congregational Church.)

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Tewksbury Police Log

Two females arrested for allegedly shoplifting

Monday, April 7

3:29 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male was behind a tree reaching into his waistline at Eighth Street. Caller described male as an elderly white male wearing a blue zip up jacket. Police sent. The party was locked out of his vehicle. The police assisted party with gaining entry.

10:14 p.m. - Security at Home Depot Fulfillment Center requested to speak with an officer regarding a statement that his boss made him a month ago that he believed was threatening in nature. Caller reported his boss told him "you could get shot for that" after he made a derogatory joke about another coworker. All units tied up. Caller reported it was not urgent and he would be there until 6 p.m. Police sent. No threaten and advice was given.

10:29 p.m. - Caller reported a white work SUV seen being accessed and driven off the property via their camera system at approximately 10 p.m. at Atamian Honda. Police sent and nothing was found.

Tuesday, April 8

3:16 p.m. - Loss prevention requested assistance stopping two females for allegedly concealing at Walmart. Suspects were described as two black females who wore Northface jackets. Police sent. Brianna Ayite, 20, of 34 Abington St. in Worcester, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation and shoplifting by concealing. Olachi Njoku, 20, of 6432 Fifth North West in Washington DC, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation and shoplifting by concealing.

6:50 p.m. - Caller reported a found dog without a collar at Chandler Street. Dog described as a very friendly male husky white and gray color. Animal Control notified. They located the owner.

10:48 p.m. - Someone flagged the police down at the station to report a black Dodge Ram ran him off the roadway at Main Street and Pleasant Street. Police sent. They checked the area, but gone on arrival.

Wednesday, April 9

4:43 p.m. - Caller requested an officer to talk to a party in the white truck that was parked by her driveway at Patriot Road. Caller reported the party in the truck talked to her child and asked about a porch. She talked to the person in the truck and asked if he was looking for someone but he said no. Caller reported the truck had not left the area. Police sent. Male was inquiring about purchasing a car and was at the wrong address.

4:52 p.m. - Police off with a motor vehicle at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store. They advised the owner to call surrounding cities and towns for the ambulance request. Officer requested contacted Lowell Police Department.

8:26 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle was parked in front of his house at Rhoda Street. Caller found it odd as the person got out of the vehicle fast and walked toward Shawsheen Street. Caller called back and the motor vehicle had left the area.

8:41 p.m. - Benjamin Khammanivong, 27, of 14 Lundberg St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with distribute class B drugs.

Thursday, April 10

12:40 p.m. - Manager at Planet Fitness reported a customer made threats over the phone. Police sent. They confirmed no specific threats were made. Caller just wanted him verbally trespassed. Police spoke with the party involved and confirmed it was just a misunderstanding over bank information. Party did not trespass from property. Management informed him his membership would be cancelled.

2:35 p.m. - A male party wore all black with a ski mask walked in the area of Oakdale Mall. The party got into a vehicle. Police sent and vehicle was gone on arrival.

Friday, April 11

8:56 a.m. - Caller stated two of her tires were slashed overnight at Brookings Security Services. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

3:18 p.m. - Caller stated a motor vehicle almost did not stop for a bus that was stopped at Trull Road. Three parents stopped him in the road. Male party was driving then was swearing at the bus driver and parents. Police sent. Officers checked the area and reported the vehicle was gone on arrival.

7:23 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver crossing over the line at Marshall Street. Caller lost sight of the vehicle in the area of Whipple Road and Pond Street. Caller turned around and went down Pond Street but couldn't find the vehicle. Police sent. Billerica Police Department notified.

9:13 p.m. - Caller reported about four juveniles in the middle of the roadway attempting to flag down vehicles at South Street and Brown Street. Police sent and they checked the area. Juveniles were gone on arrival.

10:42 p.m - A 911 caller reported her friend refused to leave her car at Cumberland Farms and the female did exit the car. Female got physical with her during the ride. Hispanic female, black hoodie, black pants with a shaved head and caller was in a BMW. Police sent. Officer filed a report. No physical fight occurred. Both parties would be leaving together.

Saturday, April 12

1:26 a.m. - Samuel Fortier, 24, of 147 Arkansas Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

4:34 a.m. - Someone was on the homeowner's camera at Whipple Road and shafted someone was delivering a package. He did to need police assistance. No emergency.

3:33 p.m. - Employee from Public Health Museum and DPH stated a security officer threw his laptop on the ground and damaged it. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Sunday, April 13

1:03 a.m. - Call for loud music going on for four and a half hours at Archstone Avenue. Caller was advised of the delay. Police sent. They spoke with the party and would keep it down for the night.

4:44 a.m. - A 911 call for a white male 50's black hoodie at The Residence at Tewksbury who was standing in his room looking at his bed. Caller reported the male immediately left after he woke up and this was ten minutes prior to calling. Police sent. No one matching the description. Camera footage was requested. Officer filed a report.

Wilmington Police Log

Billerica woman arrested for OUI-liquor

Friday, April 4:

12:30 p.m.: A white 2021 Mitsubishi Outlander hit a pole on Chestnut Street, badly damaging it. Verizon and Reading Municipal Light were notified.

12:45 p.m.: Joseph M Palmieri of 3 Strout Ave., in Wilmington was issued a summons for threatening to commit a crime. This followed a call from Strout Avenue.

4:53 p.m.: Loss prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street reported that they had a shoplifter detained in their office. The shoplifter was issued a no-trespass order.

Saturday, April 5:

3:18 a.m.: Rosaisela E Vasquez Agustin of 103 High St., Apt. #1, in North Billerica, was arrested for OUI-Liquor over .08%, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding in violation of special regulations, and a marked lanes violation. This followed a stop of her gray 2006 Toyota Highlander on Shawsheen Avenue.

5:42 p.m.: Reading police reported a motor vehicle accident between a black 2015 Nissan Versa and a blue 2016 Mazda CX-5 in front of Sonny's Mobile on the Run on Lowell Street. One person complained of hand pain.

10:08 p.m.: A woman on Radcliff Road reported a man running around on her property with a firearm, and that she had her family in the upstairs bedroom while she armed herself. A neighbor also reported that she got a text from her neighbor about an issue at her house, and saw a man in a white sweatshirt run down the street into a vehicle. The man was described as tall, wearing a white hoodie and black pants. Woburn K9 units came to try to track down the man, and Tewksbury and state police were notified of the situation.

Sunday, April 6:

1:24 a.m.: A woman on Avalon Drive reported that she could hear a woman screaming and banging around in the apartment below her. The fire department was requested to evaluate a pregnant woman with abdominal pain; it was found that she may be in labor, and was taken by ambulance.

4:02 a.m.: Euribio A DeSouza of 33 Oaks St., Apt. #3, in Everett, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. This followed a stop of his gray 2016 Nissan Rogue on West Street.

6:56 p.m.: Loss Prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street reported a man with a white hoodie and dark jeans shoplifted and got into the passenger's side of a gray 2012 Honda CR-V. Police went to the residence of the registered owner in Tewksbury, but got no response.

Monday, April 7:

2:30 a.m.: Alysia M Tavares of 5 Carson Ave., Apt. #1, in Wilmington, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a number plate violation. This followed a stop of her black 2014 Ford Fiesta on Middlesex Avenue.

8:45 a.m.: Edvaldo Teodoro De Sousa of 306 Andover Road, in Billerica, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. This followed a stop of his blue 2014 Ford Escape on Main Street.

10:59 a.m.: Vittorio Rafae Bandola Sulit of 27 Grasshopper Lane, in Tewksbury, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his white 2017 Subaru Crosstrek on Main Street.

5:56 p.m.: Youssef Touhami Charrak of 134 Hancock St., Apt. #134, in Stoneham, was issued a summons for a number plate violation to conceal ID. This followed police checking on a car in the back parking lot of the Dunkin Donuts on Ballardvale Street.

Tuesday, April 8:

9:04 a.m.: Benilda Neves Freitas of 29 High St., Apt. #3, in Everett, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to stop/yield. This followed a stop of her gray 2013 Ford Escape on Burlington Avenue.

5:48 p.m.: Randy Enmanuel Hidalgo Cordero of 123 Exeter St., in Lawrence, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a marked lanes violation. This followed a stop of his blue 2012 Toyota Corolla on the Rt. 62 highway.

9:29 p.m.: Oniel Osvaldo Hernandez Morphy of 2 Museum Sq., Apt. #1102, in Lawrence, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a motor vehicle lights violation. This followed a stop of his white 2011 Ford Escape on Lowell Street.

Wednesday, April 9:

3:20 a.m.: Adi Huseinovic of 133 Webster St., in Arlington, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a license suspended for OUI and not having a registration in possession. This followed a stop of his black 2011 Toyota Prius near McKinnon's on Lowell Street.

5:40 p.m.: Julio Mendez of 15 Francis St., Apt. #1, in Revere, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. This followed a stop of his white 2004 Ford LGTCON.

Thursday, April 10:

7:27 a.m.: A caller on Apache Way reported a suspicious vehicle parked outside of her house, with a heavyset white man sitting inside. The man was found to be a private investigator, and police told the homeowner what he was there for.

3:59 p.m.: A gray 2023 Subaru WRX and a red 2020 Jeep Compass were involved in a motor vehicle accident on West Street. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported.

4:42 p.m.: An employee at the Advance Auto Parts on Main Street reported what he believed to be a theft. Police spoke to the man involved, and he stated he will return the product at another location.

▲ The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy recently earned reaccreditation from the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, better known as the Pro Board. Pictured from left during a Pro Board site visit are Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier; Assistant Certification Coordinator Vashon Robinson of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy; Pro Board representatives Martinez Jacobs, Matt Sherwood, and Daniel Smith; MFA Registration Coordinator Kevin Robinson; and Dr. Sara Pragluski Walsh, the MFA's instructional design and curriculum development specialist. (Courtesy photo)

Massachusetts Firefighter Academy earns international reaccreditation

STOW — State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine announced that the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy has received reaccreditation by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications, better known as the Pro Board.

"The Pro Board is the world's leading fire service accreditation organization," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "The Academy's reaccreditation reflects our commitment to the highest standards of firefighter training and development at every level of experience, from recruits to veteran officers."

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is a division within the Department of Fire Services. It is also the operational arm of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is the sole certifying authority for Massachusetts fire service training. Certification is based on a student's knowledge, understanding, and execution of job performance requirements promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association.

The Pro Board's 18-month process examined and validated the training, exam development, and testing processes that the Academy uses when assessing firefighters for more than 40 levels of professional certification. This entailed a comprehensive review of the job performance requirements for everything from fundamentals such as Firefighter I/II to specialized disciplines such as Hazardous Materials/WMD Technician. It also included a two-day site visit by members of the Pro Board Committee on Accreditation from Florida, Hawaii, and Texas, who met with Academy staff and DFS leadership, observed on-campus training, and examined testing materials.

The reaccreditation period will run for five years.

"Pro Board accreditation is the gold standard for agencies like ours and I want to recognize the staff whose efforts led to this recognition," said State Fire Marshal Davine. He praised the professionalism of Academy instructors and administrative personnel, highlighting in particular the contributions of Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, Dr. Sara Pragluski Walsh, Certification Coordinator Kevin Robinson, and Assistant Certification Coordinators Scott MacArthur and Vashon Robinson.

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy recorded more than 12,500 course enrollments last year, with training delivered at campuses in Stow, Springfield, and Bridgewater; on location at local fire departments; and online.

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Wilmington SPORTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

Wildcat track and field squads start with lopsided victories

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The Wilmington track teams competed against Watertown at Reading High School on Thursday, April 10.

The WHS boys won by a score of 84.5 to 51.5 and the girls won by a score of 97-39.

It was the first meet for both teams.

For the Wildcat boys, there were scorers in every event.

In the 400-meter hurdles, Dylan Grace was first in 1:07.83 and Shane Gargan placed third in 1:24.56.

Wilmington swept the mile.

Dean Ciampa was first in 4:57.04, David Dynan was second in 4:58.67 and Spencer Bagtaz ended up third in 5:19.3.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Cam Periera was the winner in 18.59 seconds and Vincenzo Mondi was third in 21.76.

Martin Philiossaint won the 100-meter dash in 12.28 seconds and Jonas Arulraj took second in 12.44.

In the 400-meter run, Ashvin Baker placed first in a state-qualifying time of 53.66 seconds. Ben Harris ended up third in 58.12.

Watertown won the 800-meter run, but Wilmington took second and third with Cooper Holleran (2:22) and Chase Heffernan (2:23.85), respectively.

Baker won the 200-meter dash in 24.19 seconds and Cam Jenks was second in 24.46.

In the two mile, Gavin Dong was the winner in 10:36.42 and Jake Cronin was second in 10:41.3. Parker Canevari completed the sweep with a time of 11:21.04.

The Wildcats had one other sweep, taking all nine points in the long jump.

Marvin Jean was first with a distance of 19 feet, 9 inches, a state-qualifying distance.

Jenks also qualified for the state meet with a second-place leap of 18-6.75.

Philiossaints came in third with a jump of 19-2.75.

Jean also was first in the triple jump with a distance of 41 feet, 4.75 inches, also qualifying for the state meet in that event.

Wilmington's other win came in the 4x100 relay with the foursome of Philiossaint, Ayden Bellevy, Arulraj and Tyler Alfred.

The Wildcats went 2-3 in two other events.

In the high jump, Harris was second with a height of 5 feet, 2 inches and Dynan took third, also clearing 5-2.

In the javelin, Mark Holleran was second with a heave of 111 feet and Ben O'Brien took third with a distance of 108-9.

Also adding third-place points was Nate Murphy in the discus (85 feet, 3 inches) and Vasili Meimaris in the shot put (33 feet).

The girls won 13 events in their convincing victory, sweeping three and placing first and second in three others.

A sweep of the long jump was led by Emily Laquidara with a distance of 14 feet, 9 inches. Kayleigh Walker took second, jumping 14-3.5 and Sam Glaser ended up third (14 feet).

In the 100-meter dash, the Wildcats went 1-2-3 as Lily McLaughlin won in 14.26 seconds, Walker was second in 14.36 and Lily King was third in 15.06.

In the shot put, Abby Howie's 30-foot throw was good for first, Maddie Krueger placed second with a distance of 28-11 and Julia Heller was third, throwing 25-6.5.

Wilmington took eight points in three events.

Maeve White won the 400-meter hurdles in 1:16.78 and Kaylin Mulik was second in 1:18.01.

In the 400-meter run, Isabel Carriere won in 1:05.46 and Celina Vo placed second in 1:08.85.

The discus was won by Julia Heller with a state-qualifying distance of 87 feet, 11 inches and Krueger was second with a heave of 83-11.

The Wildcats won both relays.

In the 4 x 100 relay, Walker, McLaughlin, King and Lexi LeBlanc was victorious in 53.38 seconds. In the 4x400 relay, Vo, White, Olivia Niceforo and Abby Joyce took first in 4:48.74.

Wilmington took first and third in several other competitions.

Charlotte Kiley won the mile in 5:40.08 and Tess Sullivan was third in 6:36.17.

Avery King won the 100-meter hurdles in 19.2 seconds and second place went to Giselle Olatilu in 20.25 seconds.

LeBlanc won the 200-meter dash and qualified for the state meet with a time of 26.84 seconds. Angelina Vo was third in 30.58.

Howie won the javelin with a distance of 78 feet, 8 inches and Krueger scored in yet another event, taking third with a throw of 59-1.

Olivia Martiniello won the triple jump with a distance of 30 feet, 9.75 inches and White took third (29-6).

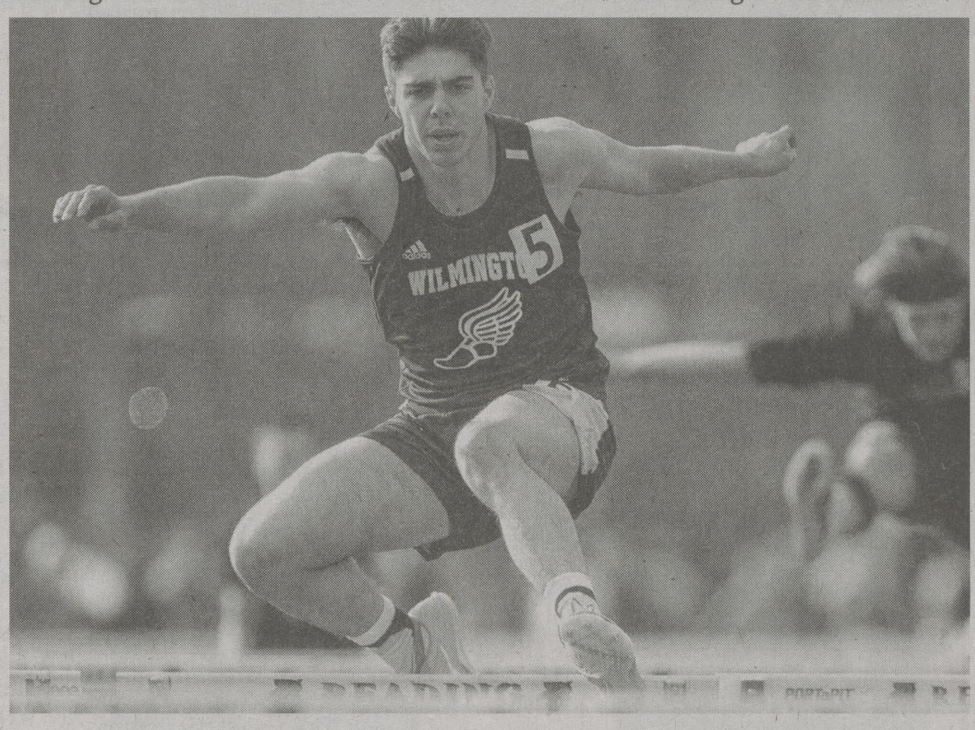
In the high jump, Wilmington took second and third.

Mulik was second, clearing 4 feet, 6 inches, and Olatilu and Abby Engvaldsen tied for third with heights of 4-2.

Adding third-place points for the Wildcats was Bella Zaya in the 800-meter run in 2:49.53 and Katelyn La Pointe in the two mile in 14:13.96.

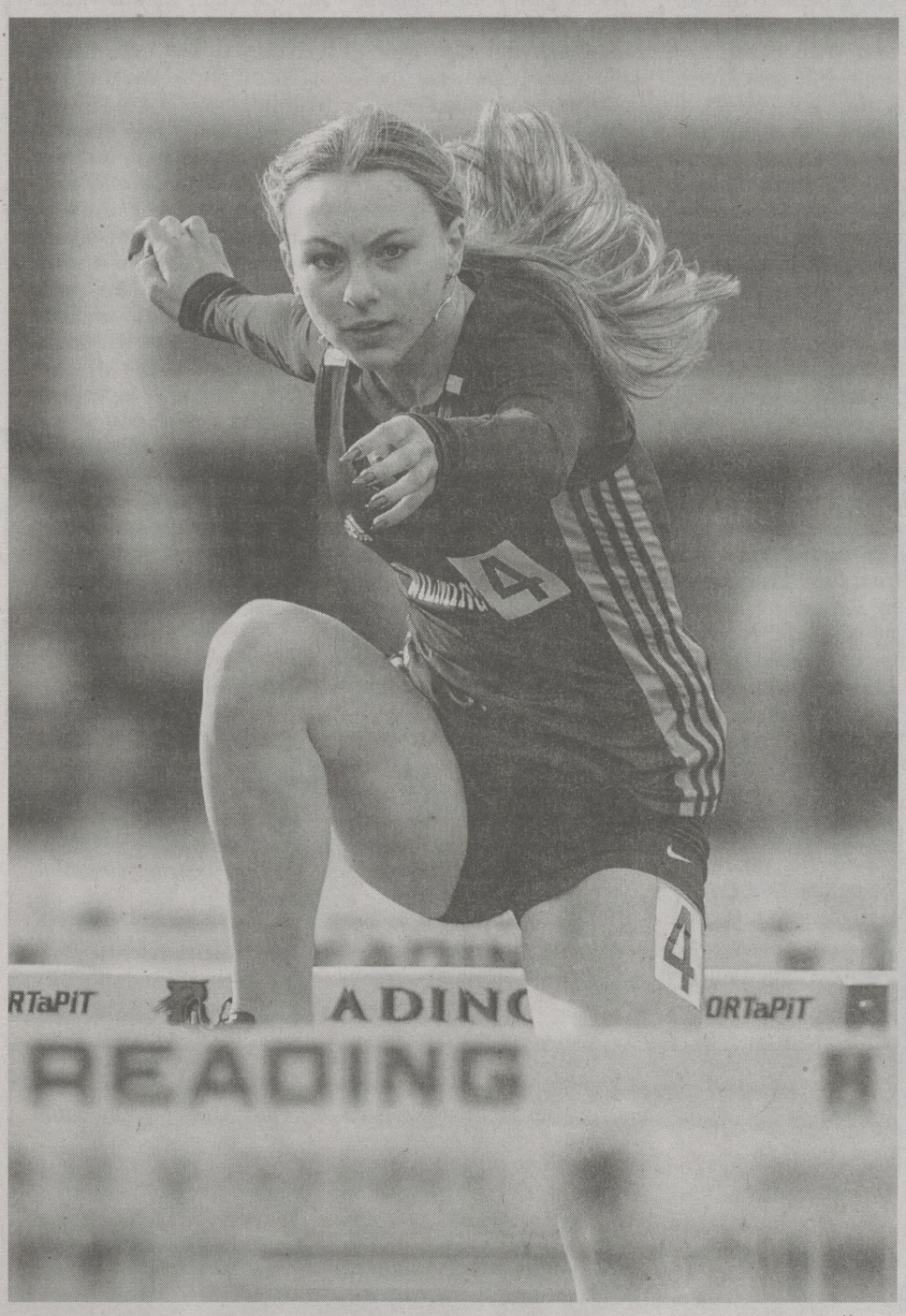
Next meet for the Wildcats is next Thursday, April 17 against Burlington at Burlington.

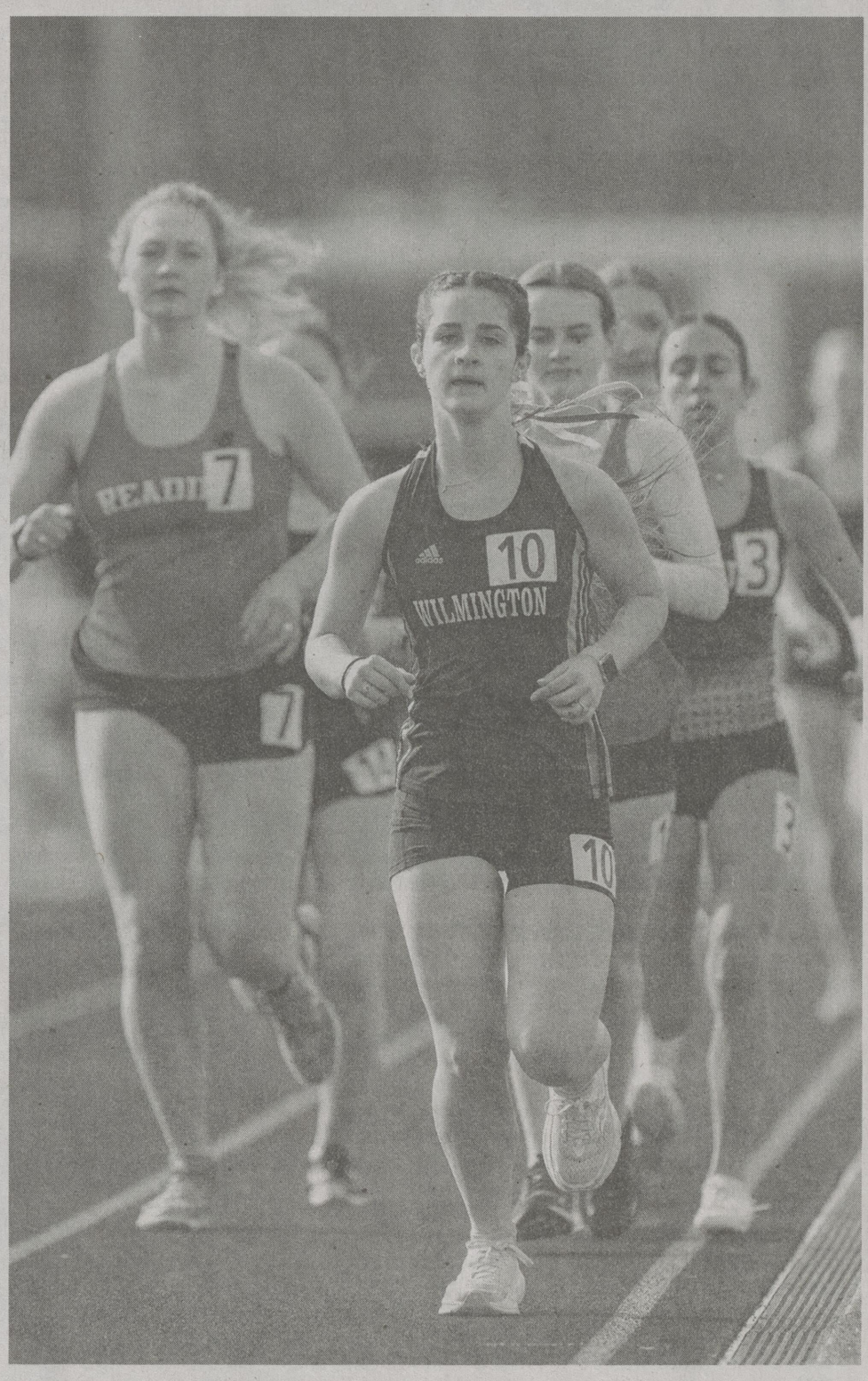
▲ Wilmington's Ben Harris clears the high jump during Thursday's track meet in Reading. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Wilmington's Cameron Pereira leaps over a hurdle during Thursday's track meet in Reading. Pereira secured a first place finish in the second heat of the 110m hurdles with a time of 18.59. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

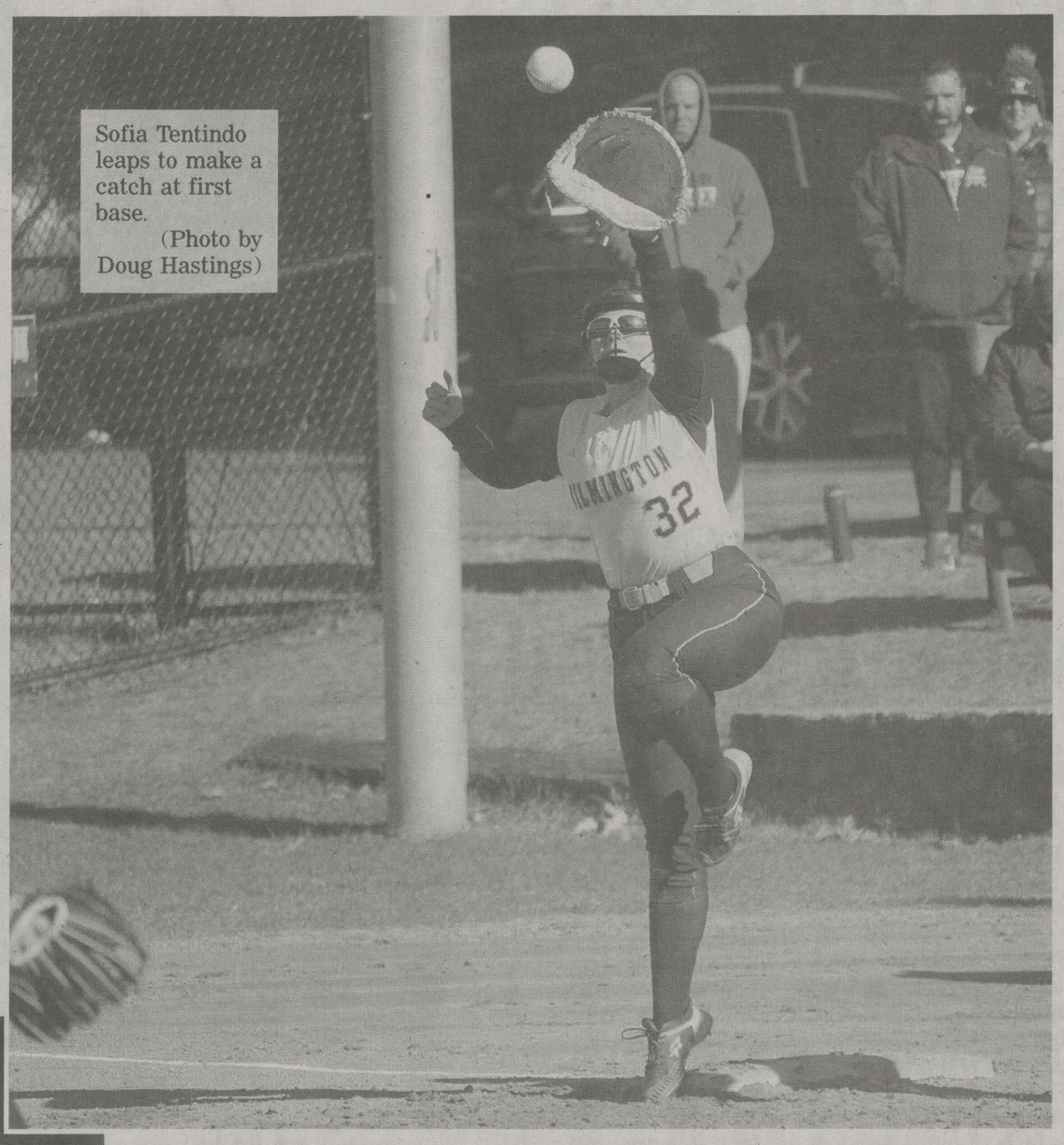
▼Wilmington's Tess Sullivan participates in the one-mile during Thursday's track meet in Reading. Sullivan secured a ninth place finish with a time of 6:36.17. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



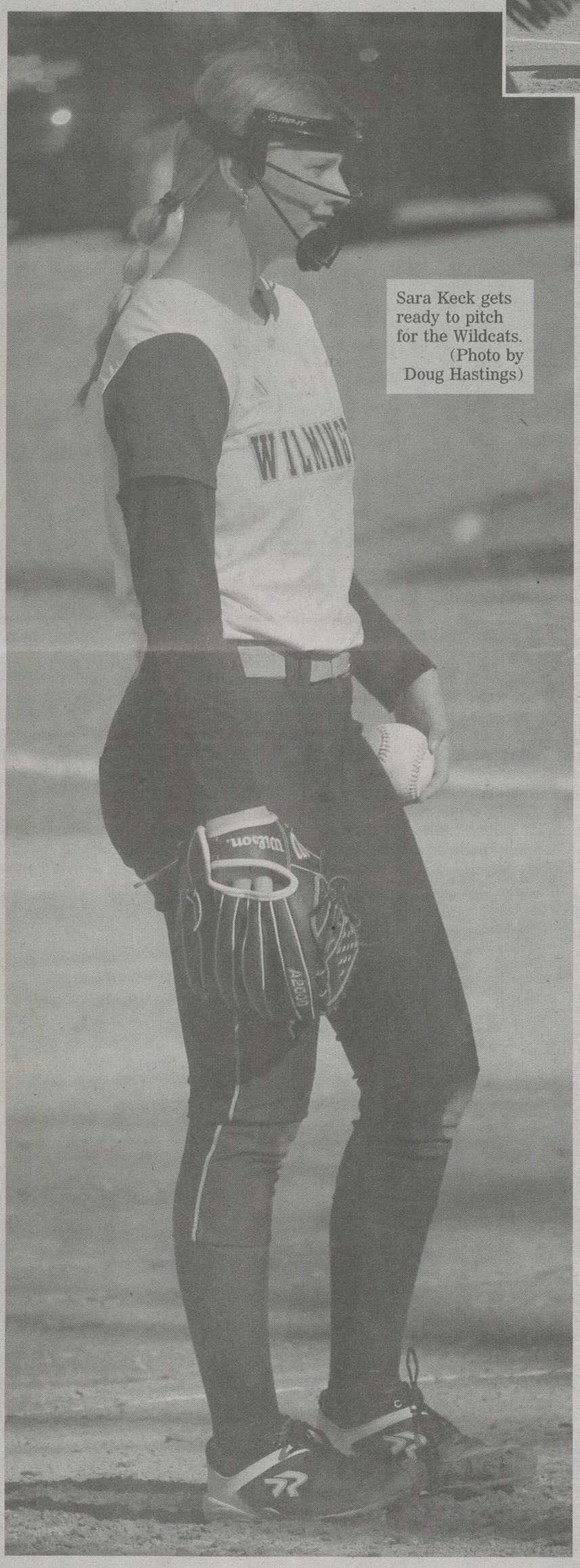


◀ Wilmington's Abigail Engvaldsen leaps over a hurdle during Thursday's track meet in Reading. Engyaldsen secured a fourth place finish in the second heat of the 100m hurdles with a time of 20.68. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

▲ Ali McElligott takes a peak at coach Audrey Cabral-Pini at third base during action last week against Lexington.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)



Sofia Tentindo leaps to make a catch at first base.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)



Sara Keck gets ready to pitch for the Wildcats.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

WHS softball rebounds with win over Arlington

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The Wilmington High softball team dipped to 1-1 on the season Wednesday with a 6-2 loss to Lexington in Wilmington.

WHS bounced back to beat Arlington in its next game, 12-6, to improve to 2-1.

Against Lexington, the Wildcats led 2-1 into the fourth inning and trailed only 3-2 before the Minutemen scored three times in the top of the sixth inning to pull away.

Prior to Lexington's critical sixth inning, the Wildcats were in a position to win against the undefeated LHS squad.

Lexington led 1-0 after the top of the first without the benefit of a hit as a hit batsman, a walk, a passed ball and a grounder plated the game's first run.

Wilmington answered right away.

Ali McElligott led off with a walk and then came all the way around to score on a two-out grounder by Olivia Raposa that was thrown away and WHS coach Audrey Cabral-Pini sent McElligott home.

McElligott was at the center of Wilmington's second run in the third as well.

She led off the frame reaching on an error and when Evelyn LaClair dropped down a nice bunt, McElligott tried advancing to third. The throw to third got past the Lexington third baseman and allowed McElligott to score for a 2-1 lead.

The Minutemen regained the lead in the fourth inning and again, didn't even register a hit in the process.

A third strike that got away from the WHS defense put the Lexington leadoff hitter on base and an error on a fielder's choice grounder put runners on first and second. With two outs and Lexington players on second and third, an excellent stop by McElligott at shortstop didn't result in an out, scoring a Minuteman to tie the game at 2-2.

A wild pitch brought in another run to put LHS ahead to stay.

A one-out walk in the sixth and a pair of passed balls moved a runner to third before a ground ball plated Lexington's fourth run. A single and a two-run home run followed to make it 6-2.

The Wildcats had baserunners in every inning.

In the second, Sofia Tentindo reached when her pop up that went very high in the air, bounced in between several LHS infielders for a base hit. She went to second on an excellent sacrifice bunt by Charlotte Forcina before eventually being stranded.

Forcina drew a one-out walk in the fourth and took second on a passed ball. With two outs, Summer Sands walked, but a strikeout ended the inning.

Wilmington's fifth inning started when LaClair and Eva Boudreau drew walks. After two strikeouts, Tentindo drew a walk to load the bases before another strikeout ended the rally.

In the sixth after Lexington took its big lead, McElligott hit a bunt single and LaClair added a base hit before a grounder back to the mound for the third out.

The Wilmington defense was outstanding at times behind starting pitcher Sara Keck, who threw the first six innings before yielding to Isabelle Maiella, who tossed a perfect seventh inning.

In the first, LaCair and Boudreau cleanly fielded grounders to second and third, respectively. Keck struck out the side in the second and Tentindo ended the third by snagging a line drive with the bases loaded and two outs.

Tentindo made another nice play in the fourth, catching a high throw, before a fifth inning that saw Lexington hit three ground balls fielded perfectly by Boudreau at third and McElligott at shortstop, who had assists on the second and third outs. On out No. 3, McElligott fired a laser to Tentindo at first.

In the sixth, Keck knocked down a hard grounder up the middle that McElligott turned into a 1-6-3 out to start the inning.

Raposa also had a terrific game at catcher for the Wildcats.

Against Arlington, the Wilmington offense was clicking on all cylinders. WHS had 12 runs and 14 hits on the way to victory, scoring three times in the first and fourth innings before scoring six times in the sixth to break open a 6-4 game.

Maiella earned the win on the mound with a complete game performance, striking out eight and allowing nine hits.

Keck, LaClair and McElligott all had three hits for Wilmington.

Keck, who also walked, drove in three runs, McElligott scored twice and had an RBI andLaClair drove in a run and scored three times.

Boudreau was 2 for 4 with a walk, had two RBIs and scored two times while Forcina was 1 for 4 with a walk, but had four RBIs.

Raposa chipped in with a hit, a run scored, two walks and an RBI and Sands added a hit.

Tentindo also reached base with a base on balls.

The Wildcats play Watertown and North Reading this week before a big week next week with games against Tewksbury, Burlington and Wakefield.

WHS baseball wins big

Six-run seventh inning backs Balter's gem

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The Wilmington High baseball team earned its first win of the year with an 8-3 triumph over Lexington last Wednesday.

The final score was deceiving as the Wildcats led only 1-0 after five innings and 2-0 after six before erupting for six runs in the top of the seventh inning.

The Minutemen answered with three runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Senior Ayden Balter was the winning pitcher for WHS, going six strong innings with 13 strikeouts and just two hits allowed. Junior Roman Synnott pitched the final inning for the Wildcats.

Junior Will Poyant and sophomore Julian Martins had good days offensively for Wilmington. Poyant was 2 for 4 with two RBIs and a run scored while Martins also had two hits, drove in a run and scored a run.

Junior Noah Titterington (1 for 2 with 2 walks) and senior Connor Lovell also drove in runs for Wilmington.

Balter, sophomore Theo Bryson and senior Andrew Almeda had additional hits for the 'Cats.

The Wildcats opened the season falling to Winchester, 13-3.

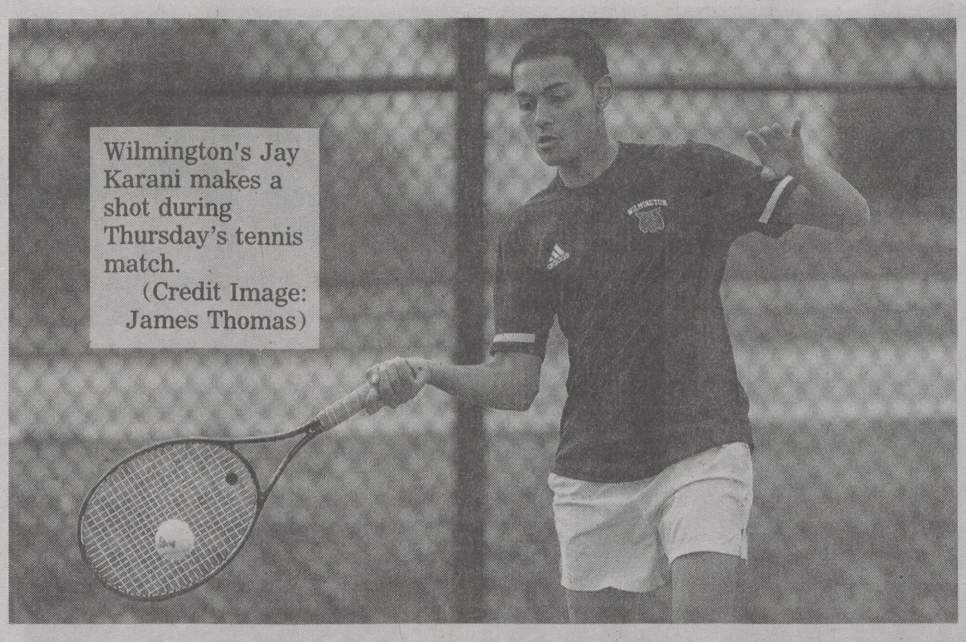
That game, like the Lexington game, was a little different than the final score would show.

The Wildcats trailed only 4-3 heading into the bottom of the fourth inning before the Red and Black scored five times in the fourth and four more times in the fifth to put a stop to the game because of the 10-run mercy rule.

Balter and senior Kyle Gabaree split duties on the mound and neither was treated very hospitably by Winchester.

Martins and Bryson had RBIs for Wilmington while the five 'Cats hits went to Titterington, Poyant, Martins, Bryson and junior JR Haggerty.

Next week, Wilmington has a busy schedule with games on Tuesday against Watertown, at Melrose on Thursday and at home against Stoneham on Saturday at 11 a.m.



Wilmington's Jay Karani makes a shot during Thursday's tennis match.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Wilmington's Sanana Puvonehdrakumar hits a backhand during her doubles match Thursday's against Stoneham. The Wilmington girls tennis team netted a 5-0 win.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Wilmington's Emma Donadio hits a forehand during her doubles match Thursday's against Stoneham.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Wilmington High tennis roundup:

Wildcat squads blast Stoneham for first wins of season

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After opening the season with matches against two of the top teams in the entire state, the Wilmington High girls tennis team got a taste of Middlesex League Freedom Division competition on Thursday.

The Wildcats improved to 1-2 overall with a 5-0 sweep over Stoneham.

WHS played Watertown on Monday, went to Arlington on Tuesday, hosted Melrose on Wednesday afternoon and then hosts Andover on Thursday. Next Monday, Wilmington hosts Burlington in a key Freedom Division matchup.

BOYS SWEEP SPARTANS

The Wilmington High boys tennis team had a similar start to the season as the WHS girls.

After a pair of 5-0 losses to Winchester and Lexington, the Wildcats cruised to a 5-0 win over Stoneham on Thursday.

Against the Spartans, Sanjeev Puvanendrakumar won 6-0, 6-0 at first singles, firing 15 aces in the process.

At second singles, Nick DiGiovanni won 6-1, 6-0 and Jay Karani was a 6-2, 6-0 winner at No. 3 singles.

Tyler Holland and Evander Ragsdale were 6-2, 6-0 winners at No. 1 doubles while Jeffrey Ryou and Tony Cummings delivered a 6-1, 6-1 win at second doubles.

"We controlled the flow of each match and did not lose a set," said WHS coach Rob Mailey.

Despite winning only two games in the five matches with Lexington, Mailey was pleased the way the 'Cats competed.

"We stayed in rallies longer and kept our heads up." Mailey said.

In the season opener against Winchester, Puvanendrakumar and DiGiovanni both lost 6-0, 6-0 to excellent opponents. Karani nearly forced a third set at No. 3 doubles, losing 6-1, 7-6.

Both Wilmington doubles teams lost by 6-2, 6-0 scores.

WHS hopes to keep the momentum this week.

Monday, Wilmington played Watertown before a Wednesday trip to Melrose. Next Monday, Wilmington has a huge match against Burlington.

Pirates earn first win

Arena football squad outlasts Fishers Freight, 50-47

LOWELL, MA — Josh Gable Kicked a 20-yard game-winning field goal as time expired as the Massachusetts Pirates defeated the Fishers Freight 50-47 at the Tsongas Center.

It was the first win of the season for the Pirates (1-2) as it stopped a two-game losing streak. The Freight (2-1) suffered its first loss in franchise history.

The Pirates never trailed in the contest and led 47- 39 with just over nine minutes left in the game, but the Freight came back to tie the contest as backup quarterback Keegan Shoemaker led Fishers on a two-play, 37-yard drive that saw running back John Lewis catch a 2-yard touchdown pass and a two-point conversion to tie the game at 47 all with 56 seconds to play.

Pirates running back Pooka Williams gave the home team great field position on the first play from scrimmage in the final drive of the game. On first and ten from the 12, Williams caught a pass from quarterback Kenji Bahar and went 33 yards to the Fishers' 5-yard line. After two rushing attempts, Gable came on to make the winning field goal as time ran out.

The first half saw each team score on almost every possession. The Pirates opened the game with an eight-play, 38-yard march that ended with Bahar scoring on a two-yard run for a 7-0 lead. Freight quarterback Jyia Wright returned the favor with a one-yard plunge. A missed PAT left the game at 7-6, Pirates.

The quarter ended with the teams trading scores as Bahar connected with Teo Redding on a 24-yard pass play, and the Freight kept pace with Devin Hafford returning the ensuing kickoff 49 yards for a touchdown to make it 14-13, Massachusetts, after the first quarter.

The Pirates wasted no time in quarter number two, as after a Thomas Owens 36-yard kickoff return, it took Bahar only three plays to get into the end zone on a one-yard run.

The Freight special teams had a great night as AJ Jackson returned the kickoff 49 yards. On the next play, Shavarez Smith caught a six-yard TD pass from Wright to close the gap to 21-19.

The halftime score was pushed to 33-25 in favor of Massachusetts as Bahar connected with Isaiah Coulter for a nine-yard score, Wright added another one-yard TD run for the Freight, and Bahar notched his third short rushing touchdown of the half. The Pirates held Fishers out of the end zone to end the half.

The Freight started the third quarter with a bang as Hafford took the second half kickoff 50 yards to the house for a touchdown. On the night, Hafford returned three kicks for 119 yards with two scores. That made the score 33-31.

Both teams failed to score on each of their next two possessions. The Freight's last drive of the third quarter ended with Massachusetts defensive lineman Dominic Quewon tipping a pass that was intercepted by linebacker Sal Lupoli Jr. Three plays later, Bahar scored his fourth rushing touchdown of the night from 2 yards out. The Pirates led 40-31.

In the final quarter, Fishers went to backup quarterback Keegan Shoemaker, and it took him just four plays to lead his team to points as he found JT Stokes on a 20-yard scoring play, and the Freight trailed 40-38. On the kickoff, Pirates returner Pooka Williams was tackled in the endzone for an "Uno" and Fishers was down by just a point, 40-39.

The Pirates scored their last touchdown with 9:20 to play as Thomas Owens caught his first touchdown pass of the season on a 19-yard strike from Bahar.

The Pirates' only turnover of the night gave Fishers life as Shawn Steele intercepted Bahar with 4:47 to play, which set up the dramatic finish.

Bahar was 15 of 22 passing for 179 yards with three touchdowns and an interception.

He also ran 10 times for 28 yards with four scores. Williams ran 13 times for 37 yards.

He finished with 103 all-purpose yards. The Pirates' top receivers were Coulter with five receptions for 36 yards and a touchdown, and Owens, who had four catches for 58 yards and a score. Defensively, Lupoli Jr. had eight tackles with an interception while Marcis Floyd added seven tackles with one pass broken up.

For the Freight, Wright was 10 of 14 passing for 65 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Shoemaker finished five of eight passes for 55 yards and two touchdowns.

Wright was the Freight's leading rusher with seven carries for 52 yards and two scores.

Fishers' leading receiver was Stokes with six receptions for 71 yards and a touchdown.

The Freight defense was led by Tamar Heart with 11 tackles and one tackle for a loss.

The Pirates will now play their first road game of the year in Jacksonville on Saturday night, April 19.

Massachusetts Pirates Marquis Waters, left, celebrates after recovering a fumble during Friday's Indoor Football League game at the Tsongas Center.
(Credit Image: James Thomas)

Boston Marathon:

More than 40 ready for marathon

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Between Wilmington and Tewksbury, more than 40 residents will be participating in the upcoming Boston Marathon, the 129th version of the race.

Below is the list of area residents that will be competing.

TEWKSBURY

Name	Age	Bib#
Trish Bourne	61	24061
Allyson Casey	46	9713
Kathy Charbonnier	65	25423
Lauren Charbonnier	37	18608
Kevin Christie	67	23289
Beth Connors	56	29605
Rachel Diebold	30	27138
Jennifer Dillon	39	29524
Michael Doherty	55	31277
Jonathan Duggan	49	25793
Richard Dumas	65	24115
Lillian Greer	50	27306
Christine Johnson	30	26796
Kimberly Lannon	54	27607
Jessica Lebrun	39	26588
Lisa Maciel	54	8221
Zach Matthews	29	5116
Marli Piccolo	55	29522
Peter Smith	45	29545
Nichole Staude	38	9326
Carmela Taveras	62	24522
Larissa Weeks	35	27897

WILMINGTON

Name	Age	Bib#
Dorothea Alberti	24	27773
Becky Bader	48	16174
Kerianne Barry	45	29508
Lashawnda Bland	42	28112
Greg Boumil	35	26842
Daniel Buckelew	42	8285
Dana Calumby	41	15128
Chloe Castellano	29	27645
Jill Chisholm	53	8390
Neil Duggan	41	27955
Nicholas Gallo	33	3631
Ilene Gautreau	56	30814
Erin Lapsley	42	10245
Keith McDonald	41	26633
Christopher Montgomery	46	9213
Nathaniel Olson	41	7486
Blake Raymond	39	2694
Ashley Rooney	24	28139
Kristofer Stokes	44	27061

Lifestyle

Spend April preparing your lawn for the summer

By HEATHER BURNS
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▲▶ It's never too early to begin your spring lawn maintenance. Start by removing winter debris like twigs, leaves and branches to allow your lawn to receive the full benefits of the sunshine.
(Heather Burns photos)

The month of April is famously known for its rainy weather that inevitably promises a lush late spring and summer season.

Despite the fact that this April has been holding on to winter-like temperatures, often producing snow showers instead of rain, it is never too early to start preparing your lawn for the upcoming spring and summer seasons.

Winter storms can often leave debris, like leaves, twigs and branches. Start your spring lawn preparation by removing unwanted debris to avoid hindering sunlight which will provide your lawn with much needed nutrients.

The accumulation of dead grass and dirt, also known as lawn thatch, can also hinder new growth.

Thatch that is over one-inch has the potential to promote problems, including pest issues, and should be raked out and removed. However, thatch that is a thin layer can benefit lawns by insulating your lawn from temperature fluctuation and moisture loss.

Early spring is also a good time to consider aerating your lawn.

Aeration can help air circulation, water absorption and nutrient uptake of a compacted lawn. Areas exposed to constant foot traffic usually require regular aeration.

The process of aeration is to puncture the soil surface, which can be done by hand with a pitch fork or spade, or by foot, by wearing shoe spikes.

You can also buy or rent an aeration tool, or hire a professional to aerate your lawn.

Early weed prevention and control is a crucial part of a successful grass-growing summer season.

When using pre-emergent herbicide, apply before temperatures reach a constant mid to high 50's range. Temperatures at this point or higher on a regular basis will promote weed germination.

If weeds are already present in your lawn, apply a post-emergent herbicide, or you can simply begin to pull out the weeds.

Before pre-season fertilization, you may want to consider getting your lawn soil tested.

Testing will determine your exact nutrient and ph levels, which will allow you to select the proper fertilizer and application plan for your particular lawn needs.

For lawns that show bare or thinning spots, early spring is the perfect time to overseed your problem areas.

Late March to early May typically offers perfect grass growing conditions, with cooler temperatures, bright sunshine and plenty of rain.

Another benefit to planting grass early in the season is that it gives plenty of time for new roots to establish before the damaging heat of the summer.

As the temperature goes up, be sure to monitor your new grass for weed infiltration, and treat accordingly. Unwanted weeds can easily overpower new grass growth, killing off grass seedlings before they are fully established.

Even though April and May typically bring plenty of rain showers, keep in mind your early spring lawn requires at least an inch of water per week, so extra watering may be necessary.

Once your lawn begins to germinate and grow for the season, mowing is inevitable.

Many partake in the practice of "lawn scalping" in early spring, which is cutting grass down to soil level.

This practice offers the benefit of removing dead and discolored grass areas. However, many experts agree it is not an essential part of early spring lawn maintenance, and some experts warn the benefit of not cutting an early spring lawn outweighs any benefits of scalping your lawn.

Keeping grass blades at a height of three to four inches in early spring can encourage new growth and reduce lawn stress.

Regular mowing should be resumed when new growth is well established, but it is recommended to refrain from cutting more than one-third of grass blade height at a time.

Early spring is also a good time to service your lawn mower for the upcoming summer season.

Be sure to also sharpen mower blades and pruning shears, and replace weed wacker string, so that all your important yard tools are in tip-top condition for the busy lawn and yard maintenance season.

The snow showers and cold temperatures of this April may have you wanting to stay in and avoid the cold temperature for a few weeks longer, but in reality, this is the perfect weather to start your spring lawn preparation.

Putting on a few extra layers of clothing to get a jump start on your spring lawn will pay off in the long run with less problems and stress in the summer months ahead.

Herb Chambers

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Silver
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2017 Mazda CX-5 Sport

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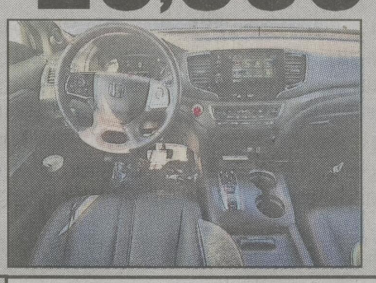

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2022 Toyota Sienna Plat.

Red
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OBITUARIES

Howard G. 'Sonny' Murray

Served in the United States Navy

Howard G. Murray, fondly known as "Sonny" to family and friends, age 83, of Wilmington, passed away at home on April 11, 2025, after a brief illness.

Sonny was the husband of Rosemary (Elliott) Murray, with whom he shared nearly 57 years of marriage.

Sonny was born on Aug. 22, 1941, in Lowell; he was the only son of the late Howard G. and Stella (Wilson) Murray. He attended Wilmington Schools and was a graduate of Wilmington High School with the Class of 1961.

After high school, Howard enlisted in the United States Navy in January of 1961; he proudly served in both the Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam War before he was honorably discharged from active duty in January of 1965. Howard continued his service to the country in the Navy Reserves until January of 1967.

Howard worked hard throughout his life; he started his career as a welder at the Boston Navy Yard where he continued to take courses and hone his skills. When Boston Navy Yard closed, he took a position at Portsmouth Naval Shipyards and worked as a Mechanical Nuclear Power Inspector until his retirement.

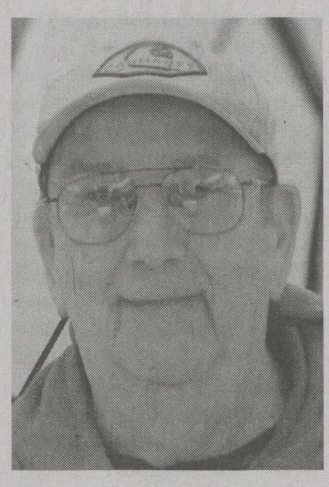
Never one to sit still, his second career brought him to Enterprise Rental Car, where he worked as a Car Prep until he was forced to retire in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic.

Howard enjoyed being outside in his garden tending to his plants and vegetables or he loved being on his tractor and tinkering with his tools in his shed. Howard's shed was a reflection of him, but nothing was better than a visit from his grandchildren whom he adored, and he treasured every visit.

In addition to his wife, Howard leaves behind three children: Tracey Jorgenson and her husband Adam of Peabody, Kelle Murray of Wilmington and Jody Murray and his wife Elisha of Wilmington.

Howard also leaves behind eight grandchildren and one great grandchild, Nathaniel, Hannah, Hunter, and Bryce Jorgenson of Peabody, Ashley, Ava, and Lillian Murray of Wilmington, and Trinidi Hamilton and her husband Travis and his only great grandchild Leela Hamilton all of Lyman, ME.

Howard is survived by two sisters, Dorothy Bragdon of Stratham, NH, and



Patricia McKenna of Wilmington; he is predeceased by three sisters, Norma Hembree, Barbara Griffin, and Thelma Diels.

Howard also leaves behind many nieces and nephews here in the states and in Prince Edward Island, Canada.

Family and friends are welcome to gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, April 17 from 4 - 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Howard's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To leave a message for the family please visit our website at *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

Stephen E. Flynn

Worked for the US Post Office for many years

Stephen E. Flynn, fondly known as "Stevie" or "Steve" to his family and friends, and a long-time former resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones. He was 86 years old.

Born on Feb. 24, 1939, in Cambridge, Steve was the beloved son of the late Ernest and Mary (Doherty) Flynn. He was raised and educated in Cambridge and graduated from St. John's High School. After graduation, Steve and his family moved to Concord, where he lived until settling in Wilmington over 40 years ago.

Steve spent many years working for the U.S. Post Office in Framingham, holding various positions throughout his career.

In his free time, Steve loved to travel with his wife, Donna. They enjoyed taking annual vacations with their family to Old Orchard Beach and Cape Cod. His favorite adventures included visiting national parks across the United States and Canada, especially Prince Edward Island, and visiting historical sites to foster their love of history.

Steve also had a deep love for music and performance — he was always ready to take the spotlight. Whether he was singing in church choirs, performing in variety shows or entertaining nursing home residents, Steve brought joy to every stage.

One of his proudest moments was winning first place in a cruise ship karaoke contest with his rendition of The Monster Mash.

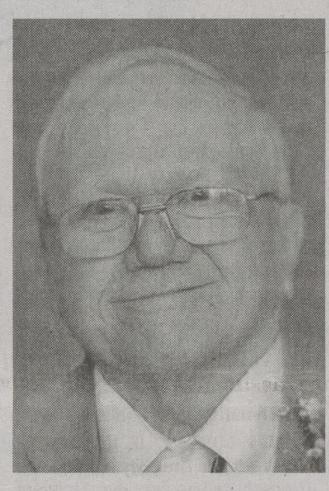
Above all, Steve cherished his family. He treasured time spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was always at the heart of family gatherings. He was known for his playful sense of humor and his lovable role as Santa Claus to hundreds of children over the years.

Steve brought light and laughter wherever he went. His generous spirit, sense of fun, and ability to make others smile left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. His memory will live on through the joy he shared and the many lives he touched.

Steve was the beloved husband of Donna McLaughlin Flynn; cherished stepfather of Denise McLaughlin Mitchell of Melrose, and the late John McLaughlin and his wife Darlene McLaughlin of New Hampshire.

Loving "Papa" to Nicole, Joseph, Jessica, Kalina, Charlie, and Chloe, and great-grandfather to Mason, Rose, Everett, Donnie, and Zoey.

He was the dear brother of Mary Muscato and her husband Joseph, and a



special uncle to his nieces Sheila and Amy, and their children, all of Watertown.

And of course, we can't leave out his best friend, LadyLu, who sat by his side watching black and white movies with the air conditioning on!

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Tuesday, April 22 from 4 - 7 p.m. All are welcome to gather at the Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will take place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Stephen's memory may be made to the Samaritans

Book Stew Review

'Memorial Days' by Geraldine Brooks

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This memoir of a brilliant marriage ended by a sudden death is a heartbreaker. Tony Horowitz, journalist and writer, collapses on the street and dies suddenly; his wife Geraldine Brooks, journalist and writer, reveals the complexity and sorrow in the immediate aftermath and the years following the tragedy.

While one might think that dying this way is better than a long, drawn-out, painful demise, this heart wrenching story will convince you that it carries its own difficulties.

Brooks moves between their home on Martha's Vineyard and an island in Australia, where she was born and where she retreats to write this book. I'm sure that dissecting this misfortune must have been so much harder than inventing characters, but as her talent at historical fiction is celebrated, she's very well suited for the task.

This is a slim book that can be devoured in a few days, and there is much to be gained, especially for those who are part of a loving couple, when one of whom must go on alone.

Wish Project seeking items for Mother's Day Gift Bag Project

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We need your help to reach our goal of 200+ gift bags for Moms of the Merrimack Valley struggling with homelessness and poverty. We support The Wish Project, which helps these women create better lives for themselves.
Please scan the QR code to purchase items that will be delivered directly to TCC by April 26th. Together we can make a difference!
Tewksbury Congregational Church
TewksburyCC.org

The Wish Project is seeking items for their Mother's Day Gift Bag Project. Donate a bag or buy items from the wish list to help fill bags. The project provides 1000 bags each year to moms in need in the area. Purchase items from their wish list at this link: *https://shorturl.at/br8nk*

Items include soap, razors, relaxing facial masks, hair accessories, socks, pens, notebooks, hairbrushes and shave cream.

crystal@thewishproject.org.

Upcoming local events

April 18, Silvertone's Dance Band with vocalist BB Braxton, Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Doors open at 6:30 p.m. $10 at the door includes cake, coffee, and tea. Bring your own munchies.

April 20, Easter Service and Petting Zoo, Northeast Christian Church, 9 and 11 a.m., 995 Andover St., Tewksbury

April 21-25, April Vacation Camp at Tewksbury Rec. 2 day minimum, camp runs 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 978-454-7825 to register *www.greaterlowellymca.org*

April 22, Earth Day Clean Up, Walmart, 2 - 4 p.m. Help clean up at Walmart, meet at the carting stations and get bags and vests. Make a difference!

April 26, Town Clean Up Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pick up bags at DPW, 999 Whipple Road, pick up trash around town and return. Community service hours. Even an hour helps! *Clean.up.tewksbury@gmail.com.*

April 26, Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library Annual Meeting, 10 a.m. - noon. 300 Chandler St.

April 27, Power of Flowers Murder Mystery Event, 1PM, Stevens Estate in North Andover. *Pofproject.org* for tickets. *https://rb.gy/ddi46o.*

May 1-3, Disney's The Little Mermaid, TMHS Theater Co production. Tickets $10 at *www.cur8.com*. Come out and support the show!

May 3, Veterans #Still Serving Spring Clean Up at East Street Cemetery. 10 a.m. Veterans welcome residents to help clean up the East Street cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.

May 4, Tewksbury Line of March reenactment, 1 p.m., Tewksbury Town Common. Follow the route that Capt. Trull's minutemen took to Concord. Free.

May 5, Friends of Haggetts Pond Golf Tournament, 8 a.m., Merrimack Golf Club, Methuen. *lstrozza@yahoo.com* or *https://shorturl.at/Yoq0t*

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VFW Post 8164 announces 4th annual Day of Service

TEWKSBURY — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is proud to announce the fourth annual VFW Day of Service — a dedicated day of service led by veterans throughout the community — will kick off the first Saturday in May (May 3), marking the start of veteran-led community service projects to take place throughout the month.

Their first project of the month will be on Saturday, May 3 starting at 10 a.m. They will be at the Tewksbury Cemetery cleaning up the veterans section in preparation for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

VFW Post 8164 is calling on all veterans and their families in the community to join in the VFW Day of Service to show that veterans never stop serving.

Please bring rakes, shovels, leaf blowers, and gloves, if possible.

Any questions please call the VFW at 978.284.9880.

Annual Town Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 26

TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury's Beautification Committee will be holding the annual Town Clean Up on Saturday, April 26. Come to the DPW at 999 Whipple Road from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. to pick up a bag and head out to clean up areas in town.

Bring the bags back for disposal. Community groups, public service hours, teams are all welcomed. Let's make a difference in the community!

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Healey-Driscoll Administration testifies in support of increased funding for roads and bridges

BOSTON — Governor Maura Healey testified in support of her proposed Chapter 90 bill, which would significantly increase roads and bridges funding for municipalities across the state. Administration and Finance Secretary Matthew J. Gorzkowicz, Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver, business leaders, municipal officials, labor leaders and transportation advocates also testified in support of the bill at the Joint Committee on Transportation Hearing.

Earlier this year, Governor Healey filed this historic legislation that proposes to grow the size of the funding pool directed to cities and towns to $300 million per year for five years, the highest amount in the history of funding for local roads and sidewalks. This additional $100 million annual investment represents a 50 percent increase to support the repair of municipal roads, bridges and infrastructure.

The bill also proposes to update the program's formula to ensure that every community in Massachusetts receives a significant increase in local road support, with enhanced support for small and rural communities.

"Every single Massachusetts resident and visitor relies on our transportation system. Our administration is committed to upgrading roads and bridges across the state to enhance safety, reduce congestion and improve commutes," said Governor Maura Healey. "We're also making sure that no community is left behind. We know that small and rural communities, especially in Western Mass, have different characteristics and needs. That's why we proposed a change to the funding formula to make sure the get their fair share. We appreciate the Legislature's consideration of our historic proposal and the opportunity to testify today."

"I've been in the shoes of local leaders trying to stretch every dollar to meet community needs," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "I know that Chapter 90 isn't just a funding program — it's a lifeline for cities and towns working to maintain safe, accessible, and resilient infrastructure. Our administration understands that, and we're here to support every community in every region of the state."

Additionally, authorizations in this bill will also improve pavement and bridge conditions across the state. This bill will authorize an additional $500 million for Mass DOT's road and bridge lifecycle asset management program to address the condition of pavement and bridges statewide. It will also help to replace and upgrade vulnerable culverts and small bridges.

"Our budget reflects our values — and infrastructure is at the top of that list," said Administration and Finance Secretary Matthew J. Gorzkowicz. "Our approach to this year's budget focuses on providing stability for years to come. That stability is essential for good planning and sound financial stewardship at the local level."

Chapter 90 will also help to ease congestion and address safety. This bill will provide $185 million of new capital resources for MassDOT to take action on safety and congestion hotspots statewide, improving conditions for drivers, pedestrians, transit riders, and bicyclists, in critical areas such as rail crossings, intersections, near schools, commercial districts, and residential areas, wherever attention is most needed.

"Transportation impacts every part of our daily lives, and Chapter 90 empowers communities to make critical upgrades that serve everyone — residents, visitors, commuters, pedestrians, and employers alike," said Transportation Secretary & CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "We remain committed to delivering transportation solutions that are equitable, resilient, and rooted in community needs."

This bill will enable $200 million of additional investments in culverts and small bridges, to replace undersized and deteriorating infrastructure with more resilient replacements, enhancing climate change preparedness and reducing the backlog of deferred maintenance for state and local government.

"Chapter 90 is one of the most flexible tools we have to meet the unique needs of each city and town," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "From pothole repairs to major resurfacing projects, this funding empowers local officials to act swiftly and effectively. Our job is to make sure those dollars are deployed efficiently and with maximum impact."

The Healey-Driscoll Administration remains committed to modernizing infrastructure, and supporting sustainable, long-term economic growth and development across the state.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WETLANDS PROGRAM

401 Water Quality Certification Application Public Notice

Pursuant to 33.U.S.C.1341 and MGL c21 §43, notice is hereby given of a 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) application for the reconstruction on Route 38 in Wilmington, MA from Route 62 to Woburn City Line by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. The project involves the reconstruction of Route 38, including the replacement of the bridge over Maple Meadow Brook.

Additional information may be obtained from the applicant's agent –Green International Affiliates, Inc – c/o Oxana Fartushnaya. Office (978) 923-0400 Direct (978) 843-5276.

Written comments on this 401 WQC Application may be emailed to: Heidi Davis (Heidi.Davis@mass.gov)
Department of Environmental Protection Wetlands Program
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Within 21 days of this notice. The Department will consider all written comments on this 401 WQC Application received by the Public Comments Deadline. Any group of ten persons of the Commonwealth, any aggrieved person, or any government body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that has submitted written comments may also appeal the Department's Certification and that failure to submit comments before the end of public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing..

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, May 4, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Wilmington High School Joanne M. Benton Auditorium

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **April 28, 2025** at **7:10 PM** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Heritage Builders on behalf of the Town of Tewksbury** for a Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw to demolish the existing residence and greenhouse structures, conduct soil remediation activities, and construct two single family homes as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 283 Pleasant Street, Assessor's Map 46, Lot 2, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

250355 4/10, 17/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI25P1177EA

**Estate of:
Thomas Owen Maginnis
Also Knows As:
Thomas O. Maginnis
Date of Death:
February 10, 2025**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Catherine E Deck** of **Kenmore NY** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Catherine E Deck of **Kenmore NY** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

250374 4/17/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **April 24, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 for an application filed by **Jonathan Langone on behalf of Patrick Brothers** for front setbacks, 5.3.2.C for maximum building coverage, 5.3.1 for side & rear setbacks and a special permit under section 8.1.1.C of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, to raze the existing single-family dwelling and reconstruct a 20'x38' single-family dwelling with 5'x20' front farmers porch & rear 4'x8' egress deck as shown on plans filed with the Board.

Said property is located at **40 NICHOLS ST,** Assessor's Map 96, Lot 35, zoned Residence 40 (r40).

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

SALE OF VACANT LAND ON SHELDON AVENUE, WILMINGTON, MA

The Town of Wilmington (the "Town") is seeking proposals for the sale of the parcel of Town-owned vacant land located on Sheldon Avenue, Wilmington, Massachusetts, which parcel is identified as Assessor's Property 50-18 and contains approximately 3,049 square feet (0.07+ acres) (the "Property").

Proposers are advised that the Town has established a minimum purchase price of $31,200.00 for the Property. Proposers offering to purchase the Property for less than the minimum price set forth herein will be rejected. Since price is one of the most significant criteria to evaluate proposals, proposers are encouraged to offer more than the minimum price set forth herein.

Proposals will be accepted at the Town Manager's Office, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on or before **12:00 p.m. (noon) on May 29, 2025,** at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened. Proposals become public information when opened. Late proposals will not be considered.

Request for Proposals may be obtained from, the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department. Questions may be directed to, via email to tdonahue@wilmingtonma.gov. All questions must be submitted in writing to the aforementioned email at least ten (10) calendar days before the deadline. Questions that the Town, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate for a response will be answered in writing and sent to all individuals on record.

The successful proposer and the Town shall enter into a purchase and sale agreement materially on the same terms as those set forth in the Purchase and Sale Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "PSA") within fifteen (15) days from the date of the award. The closing for the Property shall occur within thirty (30) days from the date on which the parties enter the Agreement.

Proposals submitted may not be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the opening of the bids.

Proposers are advised that the Property will be conveyed subject to a restriction imposed by Wilmington Town Meeting stating that if the Property is combined with any other land, the entire parcel may not be used to create more than one (1) buildable lot. Said restriction will be included in the deed conveying the Property to the successful proposer.

The Town of Wilmington, acting through its Select Board, reserves the right to waive any informality, to negotiate some sale terms with the successful proposer, to award the sale of the Property to the proposal deemed in the best interest of the Town, and/or to reject any or all proposals if it is in the public interest to do so.

The Town has determined that this contract is subject to the Uniform Procurement Act, G.L. c. 30B. Therefore, the provisions of G.L. c. 30B are hereby incorporated by reference in this Request for Proposals.

250379 4/17, 24/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P1359EA

**Estate of:
Ralph A. Earle
Date of Death: 12/27/2024**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Susan J. Murray** of **Wilmington MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Susan J. Murray** of **Wilmington MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/02/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 04, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

250378 4/17/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for furnishing the following products and services for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) to the Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts, will be received by mail at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, until

10:00 AM on Thursday, May 8, 2025, where and when they will be publicly opened and read:

1. Screener Rental
2. Guardrail
3. Pavement Markings
4. Roadway Management Services*
5. Bituminous Products at Plant
6. Crack Sealing
7. Tree Planting Services
8. Stormwater Pond Maintenance Services
9. Catch Basin Cleaning Services

*MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as Pavement – Surfacing or Highway - Construction for the project with an estimated value of $1,165,930.00 will be required.

Bid Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department

File original bid with the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887. Mark each envelope: "Bid on (identify specific product) to be opened at 10:00 AM on May 8, 2025."

Quantities shown in bid specifications are approximate only and will be used for comparison of bids.

Where indicated, bid proposals shall include labor rates and must conform to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 27, Department of Labor and Industries.

As a minimum, all work shall be performed in compliance with the current Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) "Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges", and latest supplements. Special provisions and amendments are listed within bid specifications.

Purchases by the Town of Wilmington are exempt from any Federal, State, Municipal and/or excise tax.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any formality and/or to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

The bidder certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager

250400 4/17/25

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI25P1973GD

**In the matter of:
Inry Diaz
Of:Tewksbury, MA**
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that Inry Diaz is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **05/08/2025.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 10, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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As outgoing Select Board member, Bendel praised for civility, loyalty, work ethic

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Bendel always disagreed respectfully, modeled civility and lowered the temperature in a tactful way in the time they shared on the board. He thanked Bendel for his service and being an advocate for the North Wilmington fire substation.

Judy O'Connell said that Bendel had been a loyal colleague and friend for his total 14 years of public service between the Housing Authority and the Select Board, as he puts his heart and soul into everything that he does.

Caira then presented Bendel with a gavel plaque to recognize his time on the board.

In public comment, Stephen Turner also thanked Bendel for his nine years of service on the board and all he's done for the town, including his work on the Wildwood School Building Committee.

Bendel said in response that he appreciated all the kind words and that he was glad to have served alongside all of the current and former members. He said he was proud of the board and the good things they had accomplished including hiring the new town manager.

He shared that he wanted to run for Select Board since high school as he was amazed by the members' motivations. He noticed that many former board members had also left because of a desire to spend more time with their family, and he'd made his own decision with the same line of thinking.

Bendel also shouted out some of his mentors including Charlie Lyons who he said encouraged him to run in the first place and Coach Mark Donovan. He also thanked former Town Manager Jeff Hull with whom he worked closely for a long time, and Veterans Services Director Lou Cimaglia for his time as interim town manager.

He called out Judy O'Connell's work ethic and Eric Slagle who he said was a good choice for the town.

Lastly, he shared that he found his voice over time on the board, and that all of the current board members would be great examples to future board members so long as their hearts were in the right place.

He later added an encouragement to the other board members to stay positive and continue the work that they're doing. He looked forward to their successes, appreciated their volunteerism, and wished them all the best.

Slagle receives positive feedback

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ale at the town hall.

Slagle replied that he appreciated his staff and the confidence of the Select Board. He said he's loved his time in Wilmington so far.

Other memos that night came from Massachusetts Department of Revenue Director of Accounts Deborah Wagner certifying the town's free cash general fund over $43 million, and DPW Director Jamie Magaldi describing what the town needed to do to be designated a Tree City USA again this year.

The board voted to declare April 25 Arbor Day in Wilmington in accordance with Magaldi's memo.

They then approved requests from Peter Hey to use the town beach on April 26 for an Easter sunrise service, Mike Ferrara to use the town common and gazebo for high school band and elementary strings concerts, and Kristin DeMonico to use the town common and gazebo for Sole Sisters Running Club.

They also approved requests from Library Director Natalie Harty to use the town common for an alpaca event and the End of Summer Bash, and the Wildwood Parking Lot for the annual Big Wheels event and a bike safety session.

They also approved two requests from Denise Bresnahan and Kerin Osgood relative to summer employment with Wilmington Recreation.

In public comment, Kevin MacDonald shared his concern with the creation of a new elementary school and the sustainability of the debt by residents. He specifically asked if Gary DePalma had looked into how many folks have moved out of Wilmington due to the rise of taxes relative to these large projects and if Lilia Maselli could personally speak to the excellence of Wilmington teachers.

Maselli assured Mac Donald that she could. MacDonald lastly asked the board what they would offer the town's retirees if the market crashes.

West mentioned in announcements that the Wilmington Minutemen would march from the town common to the town center and fire muskets to recognize Wilmington's contributions to the beginning of the Revolutionary War over this weekend.

The board received a last minute request to amend the timing for a baseball car wash on April 26 which they approved.

Lastly, the Salute to Service that night honored United States Marine Corps Veteran John E. Edwinson, who served in World War II and was killed in action at the age of 21. Bendel shared that Edwinson who made the ultimate sacrifice at that time is now being brought home on April 23 or 24 now that his remains were recently discovered.

The service to honor Edwinson at the Wildwood Cemetery would be performed on the 26th. He invited residents to line the route of his ride home on the 23rd or 24th and attend the services to show him the respect he's earned on the 26th.

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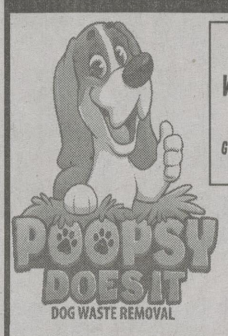

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Wilmington Minutemen installs officers

Wilmington Minutemen held their annual Installation of Officers at the Harnden Tavern and Town Museum. The event was well attended with speakers including State Senators Bruce Tarr and Barry Fiengold as well as Select Board member Gary DiPalma, Museum Curator Matt Berres and members from several Minutemen Companies. To make this a special part of the 250th anniversary of the original Minutemen, the current membership invited several part captains to speak and be recognized for their prior leadership of this great organization. Featured here are former Wilmington captains Mike Shine (2002-2004), Marshall Bishop (1986), Stu Neilson (1985), Paul Nett (1994), Bill Hitchcock (2000-2001) and current captain Frank West. Also installed were Lt. Hugh McNeil, Company Sgt. Keith Major, Adjutant Sgt. Mary Peacock, and Chaplain JD Spanks. Wilmington Minutemen are always looking for new members who have an interest in Colonial life and participating in parades and Colonial events. Contact Wilmington Minutemen in Facebook.

Wilmington Minutemen to re-enact march on April 19

On April 19, 1775, the original Wilmington Minutemen joined with neighboring communities, answering the initial call to freedom which would one day form our new nation. As a tribute, the Wilmington Minutemen have re-enacted this march each year with a march beginning at 1 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, re-enacting the original Wilmington Minutemen's march to Concord starting at the Minutemen Memorial at the head of the town common and continuing down Church Street live-firing their muskets down Church Street to the intersection of Main and Church streets. The Minutemen will have a police escort along the way. We look forward in this tribute honoring the brave men and women who answered the call. If anyone has any questions about Wilmington Minutemen, please feel free to contact Captain Frank West at (978) 668-1754 or email *westrewilm@aol.com*. (Courtesy photos)

Healey-Driscoll Administration announces $5.5M in literacy launch grants now open

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that it is opening applications for school districts to apply for $5.5 million in total grant funding to help implement high-quality instructional materials for students in PreK through third grade in English language arts and literacy.

The grant, Partnership for Reading Success —Massachusetts (PRISM) II, is funded through Governor Healey's Literacy Launch: Reading Success from Age 3 through Grade 3 initiative.

Districts, collaboratives and charter schools can apply for the funding to evaluate, select, purchase, and implement evidence-based literacy curricula in partnership with local community-based preschools. The grant will also provide educators with hands-on support and expert guidance to create relevant, real-world learning experiences for every student.

"This next round of Literacy Launch grants is a transformative opportunity for Massachusetts schools to enhance their literacy curriculum and ensure that every child, regardless of their background, has access to the best educational materials," said Governor Maura Healey. "Literacy Launch empowers educators with the resources and support they need to cultivate a love of literacy in all students."

"Literacy Launch provides the necessary funding and expert guidance to help our educators address the diverse needs of our students, ultimately fostering lifelong learners. With the PRISM II grant, we are advancing our commitment to equitable literacy education in Massachusetts," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll.

The announcement builds on the $326,477 in Partnership for Reading Success in Massachusetts (PRISM) grants the administration awarded to 15 school districts across the state in January. The administration and Legislature funded the first year of Literacy Launch at $20 million in Fiscal Year 2025. Governor Healey proposes $25 million for Fiscal Year 2026 to reach more districts, classrooms and students in the state, ensuring students receive the highest quality, evidence-based reading instruction available.

"The PRISM II grant will provide our schools with essential resources to evaluate and adopt high-quality instructional materials that align with evidence-based practices and incorporate culturally and linguistically sustaining practices," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "This initiative will not only support our teachers with comprehensive coaching, but also foster collaboration to create a cohesive literacy approach across preschool through grade 3 classrooms."

"These grants will help ensure more children have access to literacy programming that begins in the early education classrooms and continues into kindergarten and beyond," said Early Education and Care Commissioner Amy Kershaw. "The Administration's commitment to enhancing early literacy education through well-supported, local partnerships will help continue closing the learning gap for young learners in more communities by fostering a love for reading and supporting the development of language and literacy skills they need for long-term success in school and life."

The PRISM II request for proposals is available on DESE's website: *https://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2026/0593/*. A separate competitive grant is also available to support districts, collaboratives and charter schools to evaluate, select, purchase, launch and implement high-quality instructional materials for Grades 4-12: *https://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2026/0594/*.

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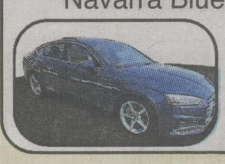
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